

I Saw Three Ships  
SATB (or 2 part) chorus, flute, string quartet  
arranged for chorus, flute, piano

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Duration 4:40

arr. R.A.Beckett

The musical score is arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 8/8. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 120. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp*, *p*, *f*, and *ff*. There are several handwritten annotations: a circled 'VI' in the piano part of the first system, a circled 'V' in the piano part of the fourth system, and various arrows and numbers (1, 2) in the piano part of the second system. The vocal line begins with a flute part marked 'fl' and 'mp'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

29

ff

ff

36

mf

mf

f

44

f

52

ff

espressivo

59

ff

ff

marcato

mf

66

*mp* *mf*

A 1.1 T

74

*p*

saw three ships come sail-ing in, On Christ-mas Day, on Christ-mas Day, I saw three ships come

79

*p*

sail-ing in, On Christ-masDay in the morn - ing.