

I Saw Three Ships

Traditional, arranged by Bruce Cockburn

Sing and play along with Bruce @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zC8AhRZ7rPk>



F
I saw three ships come sailing in,
Bbadd9
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.

F
I saw three ships come sailing in,
Bbadd9 *F*
On Christmas Day in the morning.

F
Who do you think was in them then,
Bbadd9
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.

F
Who do you think was in them then,
Bbadd9 *F*
But Joseph and his Lady.

F
He did whistle and she did sing,
Bbadd9
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.

F
He did whistle and she did sing,
Bbadd9 *F*
On Christmas Day in the morning.

F
All the bells on earth did ring,
Bbadd9
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.

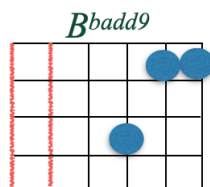
F
All the bells on earth did ring,
Bbadd9 *F*
On Christmas Day in the morning.

F
And all the angels in heaven did sing,
Bbadd9
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.

F
All the angels in heaven did sing,
Bbadd9 *F*
On Christmas Day in the morning.

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On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.

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Bbadd9 *F*
On Christmas Day in the morning.



History

“I’ve always loved the music that I grew up with, and then to me, as a Christian, there’s obviously a significance to that season that is not shared by everyone, but it’s that significance that has been part of the motivating factor for me wanting to record that music, because obviously the spiritual side of Christmas is the least apparent aspect of it, most of the time these days.

“But growing up, while I didn’t grow up in a religious family or anything, Christmas was still thought of as Christmas in those days, it wasn’t ‘The Holiday.’ There was still an element of the spiritual side of it that was remembered, and I suppose for a lot of people, and probably still, Christmas was a time when people who don’t spend much time thinking about spiritual matters, are reminded that maybe they should once in a while and actually do think some serious thoughts for a week or two.”



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Christmas

Album by Bruce Cockburn

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