

DEER WALK UPON OUR MOUNTAINS

For treble voices and handbells

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Peter Tower in Washington Cathedral.

Andante $\text{♩} = 84$

Handbells
mp Do not dampen bells; keep rhythm steady, and unaccented.
Solo, or a few voices
Freely, with expression.
mp Deer walk up -

Voices
Humming acc., ad. lib.

on our moun - tains, and the quail Whis - tle a - bout us

mf their spon - tan - eous cries; *mp* Sweet ber - ries rip - en in the wild -

mf
Quite freely; sing the pictures.

- er - ness And in the is - o - la - tion of the sky, A tev'n - ing cas - ual flocks of

mf

pi - geons make am - big - u - ous un - du - la - tions as they sink,

mp
Hum - m - m

Down - ward to dark - ness, on ex - tend - ed wings.

h-m-m-m h-m-m

mp *p*
Freely, with expression.

mp *ppp*
Deer walk up - on our moun - tains,

p *h-m-m*