

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Verse

I heard the bells on Christ - mas day
And thought how, as the day had come,
And in de - spair I bowed my head,
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
Till ring - ing, sing - ing on its way

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Their old fa - mil - iar car - ols play,
The bel - fries of all Chris - ten - dom
There is no peace on earth, I said,
God is not dead, nor from sleep;
The world re - volved from night to day,

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And wild and sweet the words re - peat
Had rolled a - long th'un - bro - ken song
For hate is strong and mocks the song
The wrong shall fail, the right pre - vail
A voice, a chime, a chant sub - lime

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The musical score is written for a four-part vocal setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two staves, each with a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

Of peace on earth, good will to men.
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
With peace on earth, good will to men.
Of peace on earth, good will to men.