

I heard the bells on Christmas Day



There are many lovely versions in song of this poem by Longfellow. The one here is a simple version based on the delightful one by John Gorka.

Musical score for the song. It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chords are indicated above the staff.

I heard the bells on Christ - mas day Their old fa - mil - iar
car - ols play, Wild and sweet the words re - peat, — "Peace on earth, good -
will to men. Peace on earth, good - will to men."



I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
Wild and sweet the words repeat
"Peace on earth, good will to men,
Peace on earth, good will to men."

I thought how, the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
"Peace on earth, good will to men,
Peace on earth, good will to men."

In despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men,
Peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."
Peace on earth, good will to men."

Till, ringing, singing, on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
Peace on earth, good will to men."

