

I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day

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I heard the bells on Christmas day
their old familiar carols play,
and wild and sweet the words repeat
of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how as the day had come
the belfries of all Christendom
had rolled along th'un broken song
of peace on earth, good will to men.

And 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.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep,
for Christ is here; His Spirit near
brings peace on earth, good will to men."

When men repent and turn from sin
The Prince of Peace then enters in,
and grace imparts with in their hearts
His peace on earth, good will to men.

O souls amid earth's busy strife,
The Word of God is light and life;
O, hear His voice, make Him your choice,
Hail peace on earth, good will to men.

Then ringing, singing on your way,
your world will change from night to day;
Your heart will feel the message real,
of peace on earth, good will to men.
Peace on earth, good will to men.