

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Christmas Day 1863 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Tune: "Waltham" by John Babbtiste Calkin

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And thought how as the day had come
the belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
of Peace on Earth good-will to men

Then from each black accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the south
And with the sound
The carols drowned
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"

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

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent
And made forlorn
The households born
of Peace on Earth good-will to men

Then pealed the bells more loud
and deep
"God is not dead, nor does He sleep
The Wrong shall fail
the Right prevail
With Peace on Earth good-will to
men"