

# Bells of Rhymney

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A A D<sup>(1/2)</sup> A<sup>(1/2)</sup> B<sup>(1/2)</sup> A<sup>(1/2)</sup>  
Oh what will you give me? Say the sad bells of Rhymney  
A A A G<sup>(1/2)</sup> Bm<sup>(1/2)</sup> E  
Is there hope for the future? Cry the brown bells of Merthyr.  
E A A G<sup>(1/2)</sup> Bm<sup>(1/2)</sup> E  
Who made the mine owner? Say the black bells of Rhondda.  
E A D<sup>(1/2)</sup> A<sup>(1/2)</sup> Bm E7<sup>(1/2)</sup> A<sup>(1/2)</sup> A  
And who robbed the miner? Cry the grim bells of Blaithwa.

A A D<sup>(1/2)</sup> A<sup>(1/2)</sup> B<sup>(1/2)</sup> A<sup>(1/2)</sup>  
They will plunder willy-nilly, Cry the bells of Caerphilly.  
A A A G<sup>(1/2)</sup> Bm<sup>(1/2)</sup> E  
They have fangs, they have teeth, Say the loud bells of Neath.  
E A A G<sup>(1/2)</sup> Bm<sup>(1/2)</sup> E  
Even God is uneasy, Say the moist bells of Swansea.  
E A D<sup>(1/2)</sup> A<sup>(1/2)</sup> Bm E7<sup>(1/2)</sup> A<sup>(1/2)</sup> A  
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A A D<sup>(1/2)</sup> A<sup>(1/2)</sup> B<sup>(1/2)</sup> A<sup>(1/2)</sup>  
Put the vandals in court; say the bells of Newport.  
A A<sup>(1/2)</sup> F#m<sup>(1/2)</sup> F#m G<sup>(1/2)</sup> Bm<sup>(1/2)</sup> E  
All would be well if, if, cry the green bells of Cardiff.  
E A<sup>(1/2)</sup> G<sup>(1/2)</sup> F#m G<sup>(1/2)</sup> F#m<sup>(1/2)</sup> A  
Why so worried, sisters, why? Sang the silver bells of Wye.  
A A Bm7 E7<sup>(1/2)</sup> A<sup>(1/2)</sup> A<sup>(hold)</sup>  
And what will you give me? Say the sad bells of Rhymney