

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

lyrics by Henry Longfellow (1864) and music by John Baptiste Calkin (1872). (I, I)

D (*Ddim7*) *D* (*Adim7*) *A7* (*Adim7*) *A7* (*Ddmin7*)
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, their
D *D* *A7* *A7* (*D*)
Their old familiar carols play, and
G *D*($\frac{1}{2}$) *A7*($\frac{1}{2}$) *F#7* *Bm*($\frac{1}{2}$) *G*($\frac{1}{2}$)
wild and sweet the words repeat, of
D($\frac{1}{2}$) *G*($\frac{1}{2}$) *D*($\frac{1}{2}$) *G*($\frac{1}{2}$) *A7* *D*
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I 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.

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;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With 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!