

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

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

2. I thought how as the day had come,
the belfries of all Christendom
had roll'd along th'unbroken song
of peace on earth, good will to men.

3. And in despair I bow'd 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."

4. 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.

5. It was as if an earthquake rent
the heartstones of a continent,
and made forlorn, the households born
of peace on earth, good will to men.

6. 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 for men."

7. 'Til 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!