

# 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 wild and sweet, the words repeat  
of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought as now this day had come,  
the belfries of all Christendom  
had rolled along, the unbroken song  
of peace on earth, good-will to men!

2. 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."

