## I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

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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 I thought how, as the day had come The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along th'un broken 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 it's way The world revolved from night to day A voice, a chime, a chant sublime Of peace on earth, good will to men

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