

# The Bells Rang

Pete Kennedy

I was standing underneath the Apollo marquis  
At the heart of this country of mine  
Hope in every face as far as we could see  
The wishes were flowing like wine

That this would be a night unlike any other  
I watched where the big trains rolled  
From river to river it was brother to brother  
I finally got of the glimpse of the meaning of soul

## CHORUS

When the bells rang all over Harlem  
They rang at 11:01  
The bells rang in a joyful bedlam  
They rang for the rising sun

Our destiny took hold of a troubled land  
The strange fruit rotted on the ground  
A fist finally opened to an outstretched hand  
Joshua's trumpet did sound

Now Martin Luther King and Sojourner Truth  
They must have looked down and smiled  
The people joined hands and they started to sing  
"There ain't no stopping us now"

Chorus - Then instrumental

For the ones who came ashore bound in chains  
And the ones who bore the lash with a smile  
For the babies born to a world of pain  
The chimes peeled all along the miracle Mile

Chorus

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