

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

(set to J S Bach's 'Sheep May Safely Graze')

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J S BACH
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I heard the bells on Christ - mas day Their old fa - mil - iar
I thought how as the day had come, The bel - fries of all

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car - ols play, And mild and sweet the words re - peat, Of
Christ - en-dom Had roll'd a - long th'un-bro - ken song Of

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peace on earth, good - will to men. Peace on earth, good-
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will to men.

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Peace on
will to men.

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earth, good-will to men.

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In de - spair I

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bow'd my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said. "For

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hate is srong, and mocks the song."

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Then peal'd the bells more

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loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; The

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wrong shall fail, the right pre -

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vail with Peace on earth, peace on earth good -

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will to men." 'Til ring-ing, sing - ing on its way, The

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world re - volved from night to day. A voice, a chime, a

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chant sub - lime Of peace on earth, good - will to men.

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Peace on earth, good-will to men. Peace on

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earth, good-will to men.

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