

## Bells

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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, peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along the unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, 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, 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, peace on earth, good-will to men