Ringing the Bells for Jim

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The father heard church bells at midnight A wrong time for church bells to chime He went to the tower, found a little girl there Said, "Why ring the bells at this time?"

"I'm just ringing the bells for Jim
Please father, ringing the bells for Jim
I'm sorry, I'm cryin' but my brother Jim's dyin'
So, I'm ringing the bells for Jim"

Please father, pray for him this Christmas He's sick and he's in so much pain The doctors all say, he'll be gone any day So, I must ring the bells again

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On the day after Christmas
She brought him said, "Father, heed little Jim
You see, he got well, when he heard the church bells
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