

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

♩. = 56 A♭ A♭ D♭ A♭ E♭ Cm E♭7 A♭ A♭

1. I heard the bells on Christ - mas Day their old fa -
 2. I thought how, as the day had come, the bel - fries
 3. And in de - spair I bowed my head: "There is no
 4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not
 5. Till, ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, the world re -

6 A♭ E♭ sus B♭7 E♭ A♭ D♭ B♭m7 Gø7

-mil - iar car - ols play, and wild and sweet the
 of all Chris - ten - dom had rolled a - long th'un -
 peace on earth," I said, "for hate is strong and
 dead, nor doth God sleep; the wrong shall fail, the
 -volved from day to day, a voice, a chime, a

11 A♭ E♭7 Fm Cm Fm D♭ A♭ E♭ E♭7 A♭

words re - peat of peace on earth, to all good - will.
 -bro - ken song of peace on earth, to all good - will.
 mocks the song of peace on earth, to all good - will.
 right pre - vail, with peace on earth, to all good - will."
 chant sub - lime of peace on earth, to all good - will.

Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1807-1882

Music: English traditional melody, coll., arr., and harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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