

Ring the Bells, the Christmas Bells

Words: Mary Seward, 1869.

Music: Theodore Seward.

Ring the bells, the Christmas bells,
Chime out the wondrous story;
First in song, on angel tongues,
It came from realms of glory;
Peace on earth, good will to men,
Angelic voices ringing;
Christ the Lord to earth has come,
His glorious message bringing.

Refrain

Ring the bells, the merry Christmas bells;
Chime out the wondrous story;
Glory be to God on high,
Forevermore be glory.

Wise men hastened from the east,
To bring their richest treasure:
Gold and myrrh, and frankincense,
And jewels without measure;
Him they sought, although a king,
They found in birthplace lowly;
There, within a manger lay
The babe so pure and holy.

Refrain

Earthly crowns were not for Him,
He came God's love revealing;
On the cross He died for us,
His blood forgiveness sealing;
'Tis the savior promised long,
Ring out your loudest praises;
Every heart this happy day,
Its grateful anthem raises.

Refrain