

Ring Them Bells

Words and Music by Bob Dylan

Album: Oh Mercy (1989).

C /b Am /g F C/e Dm C F/g C
 Ring them bells, ye heathen From the city that dreams,
 C /b Am /g F C/e Dm C G
 Ring them bells from the sanctuaries Cross the valleys and streams,
 F C
 For they're deep and they're wide
 F
 And the world's on its side
 C /b Am /g F C/e Dm C F/g C
 And time is running backwards And so is the bride.

C G/b Am
 Am G/b C

Ring them bells St. Peter Where the four winds blow,
 Ring them bells with an iron hand So the people will know.
 Oh it's rush hour now
 On the wheel and the plow
 And the sun is going down Upon the sacred cow.

Ring them bells Sweet Martha, For the poor man's son,
 Ring them bells so the world will know That God is one.
 Oh the shepherd is asleep
 Where the willows weep
 And the mountains are filled With lost sheep.

Bridge:

C G/b Am
 Ring them bells
 G/b C
 for the blind and the deaf,
 G/b Am
 Ring them bells
 G/b C
 for all of us who are left,
 C G/b Am
 Ring them bells
 Am/g#
 for the chosen few
 Am/g
 Who will judge the many
 D7/f#
 when the game is through.
 F
 Ring them bells,
 C/e
 for the time that flies,
 Dm7
 For the child that cries
 F/g
 When innocence dies.

Ring them bells St. Catherine From the top of the room,
 Ring them from the fortress For the lilies that bloom.
 Oh the lines are long
 And the fighting is strong
 And they're breaking down the distance Between right and wrong.

G F G F
 C /b Am /g F C/e Dm C F/g C