

Christmas Bells Are Ringing - song lyrics

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All hail to old Father Christmas again,
he only comes once a year,
With a song or a tale, or a cup of good ale,
It's the same for the poor as the peer;
Good fortune attend each merry man's friend,
Though beauty and youth may decay,
Forgetting old wrongs, with carols and songs,
Will drive the old year away.

Chorus.
Christmas bells are ringing, inviting souls to pray,
Fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers are happy on Christmas day,
Forgetting old wrongs, with carols and songs, the old and the young are gay;
We welcome the New Year once again, and drive the old year away.

The mistletoe sweet is the emblem of love,
No matter where'er we roam,
Be it mother or miss, beneath it a kiss,
And it hangs there in every home,
In palace or cot, the place matters not,
Wherever our flag is unfurled,
Forget and forgive! wherever we may live,
It's Christmas all over the world.- Chorus.

Then think of the absent ones, far, far away,
Divided by deep, rolling seas,
And to-day may they all be blessed from above,
And the little ones spared on our knees;
Away burns the log, around goes the grog,
The old and the young ones all sing,
And peace and good-will, on earth it is still,
As joyously all the hills ring:- Chorus.