

# *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

Tuning: D-F#-A  
For diatonic dulcimer

Words: H.W. Longfellow, 1864  
Music: J.B. Calkin, 1872  
Arr: Merv Rowley, 2008

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1. I heard the bells on Christ - mas day their

3                      D    D    DM7    Bm    A9                      A                      D                      F#

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6                      F#                      Bm    Em                      D                      D                      A7                      D

words re - peat of peace on earth, good will to men!

2. I thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along th' unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

3. And in despair I bowed my head:  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth not sleep!  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

5. Till ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

*(Try playing/singing the last verse at a slower tempo, for a more forceful conclusion and resolution.)*