

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (#CH-267)

Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, based on a poem, 1863 / Music: John (Jean) Baptiste Calkin, 1872
 hymnal in Eb (or capo+1 in D) (hymnal note: *He will be their peace.* Micah 5:5)

VERSE 1

| D Dm D Ddim7 | A7 Bdim7 | D DM7 | Em A7
 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Their old familiar carols play,
 D | G6 D | F# F#7 Bm _ | D G D Em | A7 D
 And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men.

VERSE 2

| D Dm D Ddim7 | A7 Bdim7 | D DM7 | Em A7
 I thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom
 D | G6 D | F# F#7 Bm _ | D G D Em | A7 D
 Had rolled along the unbroken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.

VERSE 3

| D Dm D Ddim7 | A7 Bdim7 | D DM7 | Em A7
 And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said,
 D | G6 D | F# F#7 Bm _ | D G D Em | A7 D
 "For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."

VERSE 4

| D Dm D Ddim7 | A7 Bdim7 | D DM7 | Em A7
 Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
 D | G6 D | F# F#7 Bm _ | D G D Em | A7 D
 The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, *With* peace on earth, good will to men."

VERSE 5

| D Dm D Ddim7 | A7 Bdim7 | D DM7 | Em A7
 Then ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, The world revolved from night to day,
 D | G6 D | F# F#7 Bm _ | D G D Em | A7 D
 A voice, a chime, a chant sublime, Of peace on earth, good will to men!