

# I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

(Wayfaring Stranger)

Music by: Traditional Spiritual

Lyrics by: William Wadsforth Longfellow

Arranged by: Michael Young

I heard the bells on Christmas day — their old familiar carols  
And in despair — I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth" I  
'Til ringing singing on its way — the world revolved from night to

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play, And wild and sweet — the words repeat — Of peace on earth, good will to  
said. For hate is strong — and mocks the song — Of peace on earth, good will to  
day, A voice, a chime, — a chant sublime, Of peace on earth, good will to

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men. I thought how, as — the day had come the bell-fries of all Christen  
men. Then pealed the bells — more loud and deep "God is not dead, nor doth He  
men, And every year — I hear them still. Their soaring song my soul does

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dome Had rolled a long, — th'unbroken song — of peace on earth, good will to  
sleep: The wrong shall fail, — the right prevail — with peace on earth, good will to  
fill with holy peace, — and I increase in peace on earth, good will to

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men.  
men.  
men.

The image shows a musical score for two voices: Soprano (S) and Bass. The score is for the second system of the piece, starting at measure 13. Both parts are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The Soprano part begins with a treble clef and a whole note G4. The Bass part begins with a bass clef and a whole note G2. The lyrics 'men.' are written under the Soprano staff. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.