# I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

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**Chords:** E♭ C7 B♭7 Cm Fm A♭ G Fm7 B♭

### VERSE 1

**E♭ C7 B♭7**
I heard the bells on Christ-mas day Their

**E♭ Cm Fm B♭7 E♭ A♭ E♭**
old famil-iar car – -ols play, And wild and sweet the

**G Cm Fm7 E♭ A♭ E♭ Fm7 B♭ E♭**
words re-peat Of peace on earth, good will to men.

### VERSE 2

**E♭ C7 B♭7**
I thought how, as the day had come, The

**E♭ Cm Fm B♭7 E♭ A♭ E♭**
bel-fries of all Chris– -tendom Had rolled a-long th'un

**G Cm Fm7 E♭ A♭ E♭ Fm7 B♭ E♭**
bro-ken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.

### VERSE 3

**E♭ C7 B♭7**
And in despair I bowed my head: "There

**E♭ Cm Fm B♭7 E♭ A♭ E♭**
is no peace on earth," – I said, "For hate is strong and

**G Cm Fm7 E♭ A♭ E♭ Fm7 B♭ E♭**
mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."

### VERSE 4

**E♭ C7 B♭7**
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God

**E♭ Cm Fm B♭7 E♭ A♭ E♭**
is not dead, nor doth – he sleep; The wrong shall fail, the

**G Cm Fm7 E♭ A♭ E♭ Fm7 B♭ E♭**
right pre-vail, With peace on earth, good will to men."

### VERSE 5

**E♭ C7 B♭7**
Till, ringing, sing-ing, on its way, The

**E♭ Cm Fm B♭7 E♭ A♭ E♭**
world revolved from night – to day, A voice, a chime, a

**G Cm Fm7 E♭ A♭ E♭ Fm7 B♭ E♭**
chant sub-lime, Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Chords worked out from the hymnbook's four-part harmony. Chords change above the word where they change; play the same chord until the next one.