

# I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day



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Rapidly, in one (♩ = 1 beat)

First system of musical notation, including treble and bass staves with dynamics like *f dim.* and *p*.

Second system of musical notation with lyrics: "heard the bells on Christ-mas Day Their old fa-mil-iar car-ols play, And". Includes guitar chords: G, Gaug, C/E, D7, Em, F#, Bm.

Third system of musical notation with lyrics: "wild and sweet the words re-peat Of peace on earth, good-will to men. I". Includes guitar chords: Cm/Eb, D7, Dm/F, E7, C, E7, Am, Fdim, A9/E, D7. Includes dynamic marking *cresc.*

Fourth system of musical notation with lyrics: "thought as now this day had come, The bel-fries of all Chris-ten-dom Had". Includes guitar chords: G, Gaug, C/E, D7, Em, F#, Bm.

Cm/E $\flat$  D7 Dm/F E7 Am E7 Am C $\sharp$ m7-5 D7sus4 D7 G N.C.

rung so long the un- bro- ken song Of peace on earth, good- will to men. And

*cresc.* *dim.*

G Gaug C/E D7 Em F $\sharp$  Bm

in de- spair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For

*p.*

Cm/E $\flat$  D7 Dm/F E7 C E7 Am Fdim A9/E D7

hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good- will to men." Then

*cresc.* *f sub.*

G Gaug C/E D7 Em F $\sharp$  Bm

pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The

*p.*

C/E D7 Dm/F E7 Am E7 Am C $\sharp$ m7-5 D7sus4 D7 G

wrong shall fail, the right pre- vail With peace on earth, good- will to men."

*cresc.* *slowing down*