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The Message of the Bells
Frank Graeff, 1900.
Lincoln Hall.

I heard the bells, they seemed to say,
We ring! Ring! Ring!
We're pealing out a cheerful lay,
We ring! Ring! Ring!
Re-echo what the angels say,
To tell how on that blessed day,
In David's city far away,
Was born the King.

Refrain

The glad bells ring, their voices tell
To nations far and wide,
Of happy Christmastide.
The glad bells ring, the tidings swell,
They ring! They ring! They ring!

One bell proclaimed, "I ring aloud,"
And tell! Tell! Tell!
The news to nations of the earth,
And swell! Swell! Swell!
That Mary's holy child is Lord,
To all the earth, the sun of God,
Foretold within the holy word
"Emanuel."

Refrain

Another rang in accents clear,
I bring! Bring! Bring!
To send the echoes far and near,
I sing! Sing! Sing!
Good news to all, O do not fear,
For Christ the promised One is here,
The downcast hearts of men to cheer
His praises sing.

Refrain

Then all the bells that Christmas day,
To tell! Tell! Tell!
In tones of perfect harmony
Rang loud and clear,
And from the steeples old and gray,
In chorus grand they seemed to say,
We hail the newborn King this day,
The Christ is here.

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