

The Christmas bells are ringing

Flemish (Arranged by H.S. Irons)

1. The Christ-mas bells are ring - ing Peals of joy and glad - ness; Their mer-ry chime At

7 No - el-time Doth ban-ish sad - ness. The sim - ple and the gen - tle U-

12 - nite, the strain to raise, Of hymn and joy-ous ca - rol, The new-born Christ to praise.

2. The bells they seem to utter,—
Ring away all malice,
And each base part
From every heart
In hut or palace!
And love ye all as brethren;
For Christ from Satan's thrall
Was born to-day to save you,
And breathe good-will to all!

3. The Christmas bells are ringing
Gaily in the steeple;—
For Christ's dear sake,
To prayer awake,
All Christian people!
And joyfully your offering
To God's fair Altar bring,
And there the Love Eternal
Of Christ your Saviour sing.

(Source: Carols old and carols new, Boston, 1916)