

Ring merrily

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Ring mer-ri-ly! Ring mer-ri-ly! O hap-py Christ-mas bells; And let us hear a-

The first system of the score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is primarily in the upper staff, with accompaniment in the lower staff.

- gain the tales Your mu-sic ev - er tells, Your mu-sic ev - er tells: How Chris-tian men in

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It begins with a measure rest marked with the number 7. The musical notation includes various note values and rests, with some accidentals (sharps and naturals) appearing in the upper staff.

oth - er days Made feast with-in their halls, Hung mis-tle-toe and hol - ly wreaths A-

The third system continues the piece. It begins with a measure rest marked with the number 13. The accompaniment in the lower staff features a steady eighth-note pattern.

- round their old oak walls; How rich and poor knelt side by side, At call of Christ-mas

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. It begins with a measure rest marked with the number 18. The musical notation includes various note values and rests, with some accidentals (sharps and naturals) appearing in the upper staff.

chimes; And how the bonds of Chris - tian love Bound up the "good old times".

The fifth system concludes the piece. It begins with a measure rest marked with the number 23. The melody in the upper staff ends with a final cadence, and the accompaniment in the lower staff also concludes with a final chord.

2.

Ring tenderly! Ring tenderly!
O holy Christmas bells:
For ever with your earthly peal
A heavenly chorus swells;
The angels, who were first to bring
The welcome news to men,
Still join with us to celebrate
The Saviour's birth again;
And some whom we have loved and lost
Sing carols with us now,
With all the old love in their hearts,
And new light on their brow.

3.

Ring joyously! Ring joyously!
O blessed Christmas bells;
And show us of the future good
Your welcome chime foretells.
We know 't will be a mingled lot
Of pleasure, pain and strife;
That thorns will cluster round the flowers,
Along our path of life;
But ye shall sing to us of hope;
Of help, of love untold;
Reminding us of that bright star
That tips our clouds with gold.

4.

Ring merrily! Ring merrily!
O dear old Christmas bells,
And bring all holy blessings down
From where all mercy dwells.
Ring out your gentle messages,
As ye have done of old,
To help the weary and the sad,
The weaklings of the fold;
And tell again the cheering tale
Of Him who bore our woe;
And gave Him own heart's life and love,
For breaking hearts below.