

# Carol of the Bells

Ukrainian Folk Song, Christmas Carol

Traditional

arr. Mykola Leontovych, 1919

Ring Christ-mas bells,  
Christ - mas is here,

sweet sil - ver bells,  
bring - ing good news

all seem to say  
to young and old,

The first system of musical notation for 'Carol of the Bells' is in 3/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass clef provides a simple accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Ring Christ-mas bells, Christ - mas is here, sweet sil - ver bells, bring - ing good news all seem to say to young and old,'

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throw cares a-way  
meek and the bold.

Ding, dong, - ding, ding, dong, - ding, ding, dong, - ding,

The second system of musical notation starts at measure 4. It features a repeat sign at the beginning of the second measure. The lyrics are: 'throw cares a-way meek and the bold. Ding, dong, - ding, ding, dong, - ding, ding, dong, - ding,'

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ding, dong, - ding. Ding, ding, - ding, - that is their song - with joy-ful ring -

The third system of musical notation starts at measure 8. The lyrics are: 'ding, dong, - ding. Ding, ding, - ding, - that is their song - with joy-ful ring -'

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all ca - ro - ling: Mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry Christ - mas!

The fourth system of musical notation starts at measure 12. It includes a repeat sign at the beginning of the second measure. The lyrics are: 'all ca - ro - ling: Mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry, mer - ry Christ - mas!'

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Ding, dong, - ding, ding, dong, - ding, ding, dong, - ding, ding, dong, - ding.

The fifth system of musical notation starts at measure 15. It ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 'Ding, dong, - ding, ding, dong, - ding, ding, dong, - ding, ding, dong, - ding.'