



I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day





Pentatonix Christmas Songs Playlist 2018 - Best Christmas Songs Of All Time

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Sweet chiming Christmas bells (NCP 75)



The bells ring out at Christmas time  
Their message loud and clear;  
Our hearts are stirred as on the air  
The joyful sound we hear.



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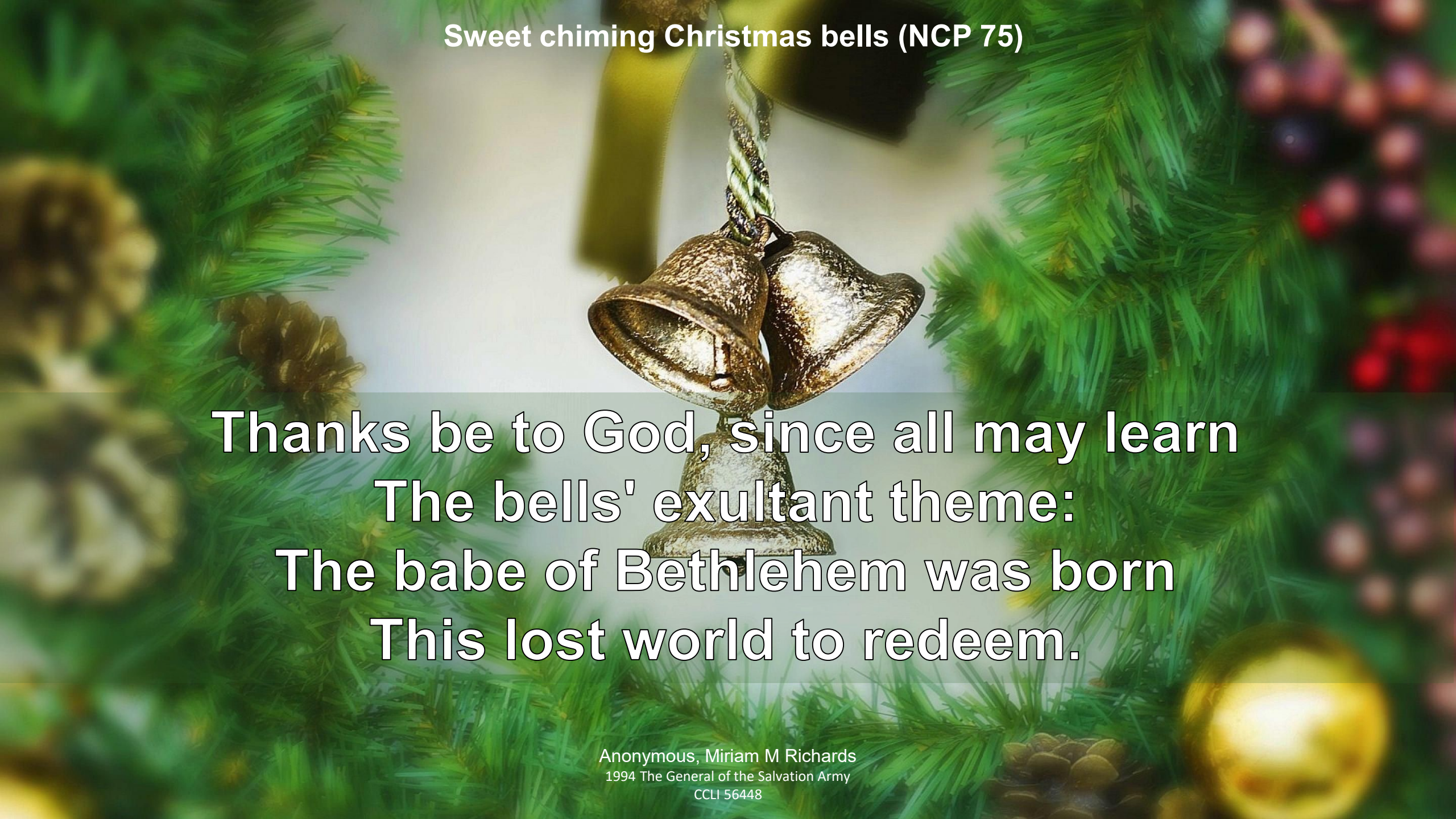
*Sweet chiming Christmas bells  
(Sweet bells)*

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(Sweet bells)*

*They cheer us on our heav'nward way,  
Sweet chiming bells  
They cheer us on our heav'nward way,  
Sweet chiming bells.*



Sweet chiming Christmas bells (NCP 75)



Thanks be to God, since all may learn  
The bells' exultant theme:  
The babe of Bethlehem was born  
This lost world to redeem.



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Glad message of the Christmas bells  
Of God whose name is love!  
O, may this music all our days  
Our hope and comfort prove!



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Sweet chiming bells.*





Kid's Time with Major Colin





Offering



# Carol of the Bells



Words by Peter J Wilhousky  
Music Arrangement by Grant Palmer – Pen&Bones

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**Occasionally it's at a heartbreaking incident in life  
when people become aware of God...**

**...more aware of God.**

**...reacquainted with God.**





**Being aware of God might be experienced in...**

**...God's closeness...**

**...God's protection...**

**...God's comfort...**

**...God's intervention**

**Sometimes, it's at a heartbreaking incident  
in life that brings people closer to God.**





**Let me tell you the backstory to this carol...**

A large, pixelated sign with a red border and white background, placed on a sandy beach. The sign reads "SPOILER ALERT" in bold, red, block letters. The background shows a clear blue sky and a small portion of the ocean on the left and right sides.

**SPOILER ALERT**



**Let me tell you the backstory to this carol...**

**Henry Longfellow's first wife died...**

**His second wife Francis, passed away...**

**Henry was devastated...**

**Their son joined the Union army...**

**...and returned home severely wounded.**





## Summary

**Longfellow managed to look past all the wrongs and wickedness of the world...**

**...and see the love of God patiently calling all men to Himself...**

**Peace on earth, good will to all.**





**The Bible Story...**

**The Christmas season is well known for...**

**...when people battle depression, aloneness,  
or loneliness.**

**...the experience of Christmas  
cheerfulness is far from that...**





# **The Bible Story...**

**At Christmas, some people grieve their life's situation or even the broader and darker circumstances of their community.**

**God isn't absent from the world...**

**God is intimately involved in the world as promised.**





**Christmas reminds us that God entered human existence as an infant to begin his great work to heal the world's brokenness...**





## 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)

*18a ...all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ.*

**God, initiated the reconciliation  
of humankind with himself  
through the life of Jesus.**





## **2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)**

***18a ...all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ.***

***18b ...And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.***

**Christ followers in turn  
introduce reconciliation to others...**





**2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)**

***19a For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,***

**The act of being judged as a sinner in our place was what Jesus dreaded most about the cross.**





## **2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)**

***19a For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,***

***19b ...no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.***



**The life of Christ culminates  
in a ministry of reconciliation...  
...sin has been paid for at great price.**



## **2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)**

**Our wrongs and failings are absolved through faith in Jesus Christ, who has paid the price for our sin. (See Romans 3:24, inferred in Luke 1:68 and Romans 3:24).**





**2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)**

***20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NLT)***

**We call to people...  
...that they may come  
back to God, regardless of life's  
difficulties and disappointments...**





**From the Old Testament...**

***...the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us'). Isaiah 7:14 (NLT)***

***But you, O Bethlehem..., are only a small village among all the people of Judah.***

***Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from the distant past. Micah 5:2 (NLT)***





**From the Old Testament...**

***For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!***

**Isaiah 9:6-7**





**From the New Testament...**

***“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NLT)***

***Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. John 14:6 (NLT)***





**...life's miseries and mysteries are best contemplated in the context of Jesus' love, life, and teaching.**

**Peace on earth, good will to all.**









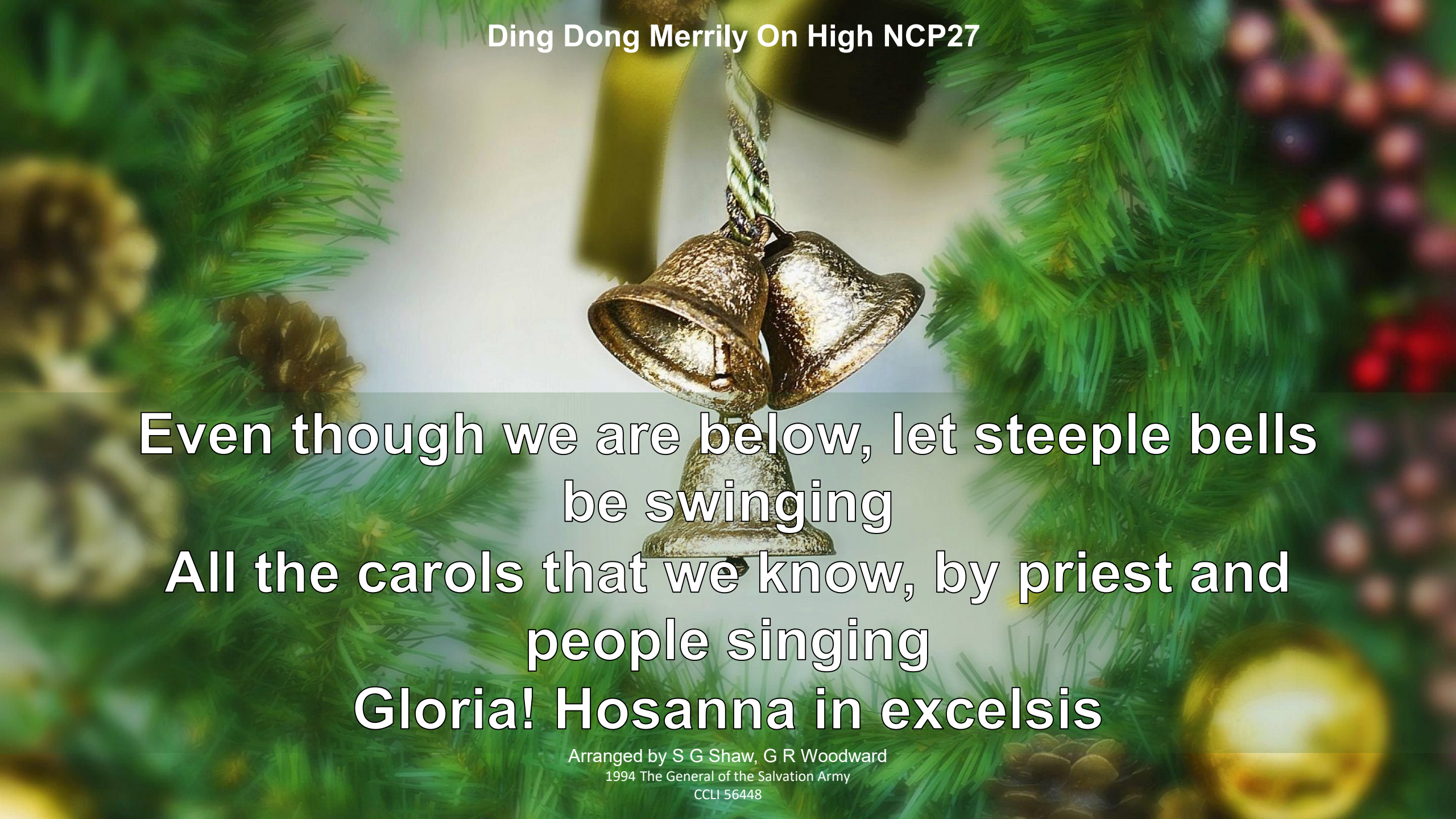
**Ding Dong Merrily On High NCP27**

**Ding Dong! Merrily on high in Heaven the  
bells are ringing  
Ding Dong! Verily the sky is riven with  
angels singing  
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis**

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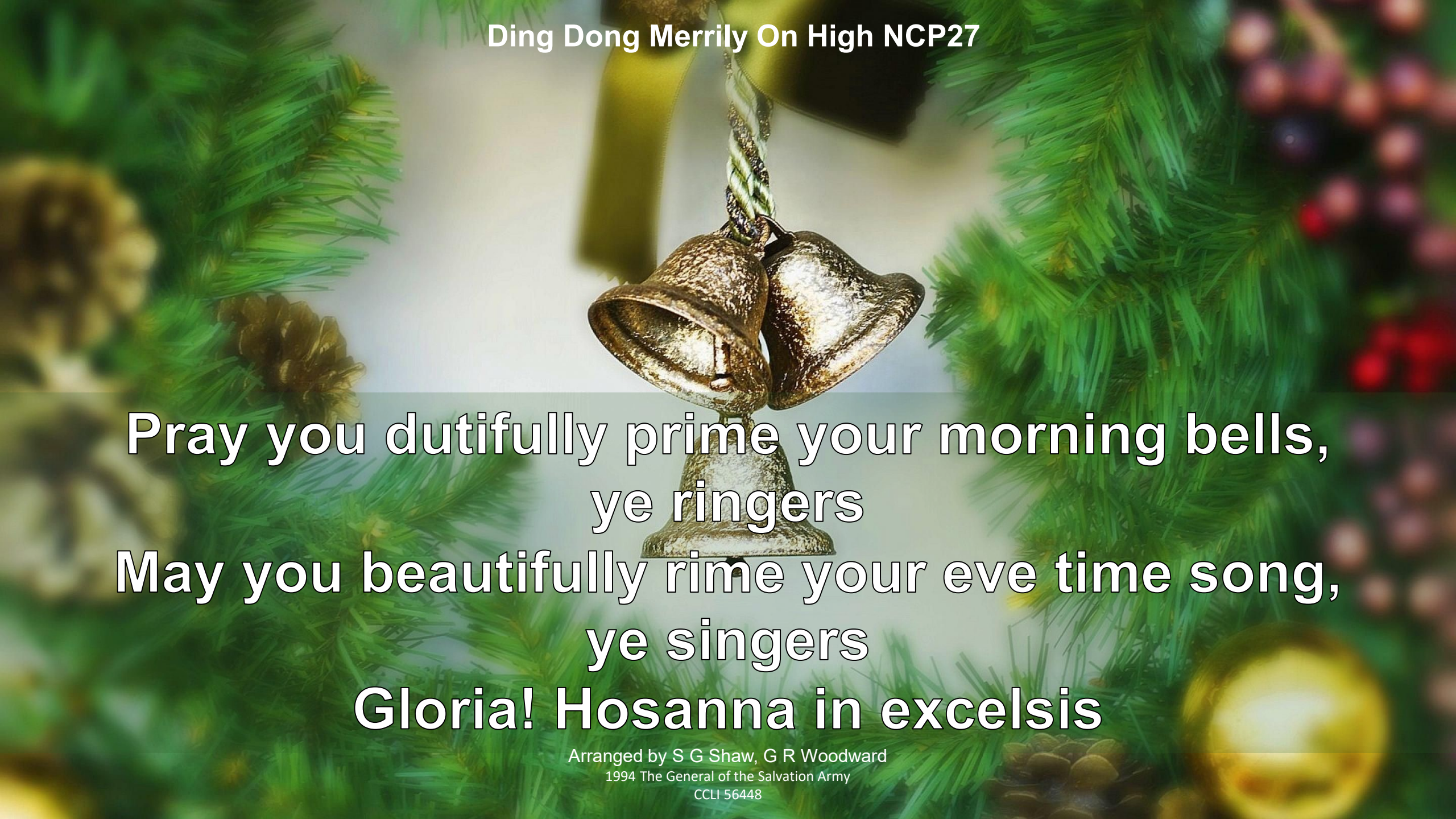


Even though we are below, let steeple bells  
be swinging  
All the carols that we know, by priest and  
people singing  
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**Ding Dong Merrily On High NCP27**



**Pray you dutifully prime your morning bells,  
ye ringers  
May you beautifully rime your eve time song,  
ye singers  
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis**

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