I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Dulcimer - DAD

Traditional English
Henry W. Longfellow, 1863
J. Baptiste Calkín, 1972

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Their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had roll'd along th'un broken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

And in despair I bow'd my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
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