

Sweet chiming bells

The musical score is written for piano and voice in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 82. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "While shepherds watched their flocks by night all seated on the ground the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around. Sweet bells, sweet chiming Christmas bells, sweet bells, sweet chiming Christmas bells. They cheer us on our heav'nly way, sweet chiming bells. They cheer us on our heav'nly way, sweet chiming bells." The score ends with a double bar line.

2. "Fear not" said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind)
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind"

3. "To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign"

4. "The heav'nly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands
and in a manger laid"

5. Thus spake the seraph and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels, praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song.

6. "All glory be to god on high
and to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men
begin and never cease."

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