

Ring The Bell, Watchman (Henry Clay Work 1856)

[G] High in the belfry [C] the old sexton stands,
[G] Grasping the rope with his [D7] thin bony hands
[G] Fix'd is his gaze as by [C] some magic spell
[D7] Till he hears the distant murmur,
[G] Ring, ring the bell

Chorus:

[D] "Ring the bell, watchman! [G] ring! ring! ring!
[C] "Yes, yes! the good news is [G] now on the [D7] wing.
[G] "Yes, yes! they come and with [C] tidings to tell.
[D7] "Glorious and blessed tidings. [G] Ring, ring the bell!"

[G] Baring his long silver [C] locks to the breeze,
[G] First for a moment he [D7] drops on his knees
[G] Then with a vigor that [C] few could excel
[D7] Answers he the welcome bidding,
[G] Ring, ring the bell

Chorus

[G] Hear! from the hilltop, [C] the first signal gun
[G] Thunders the word that some [D7] great deed is done
[G] Hear! thro' the valley the [C] long echoes swell,
[D7] Ever and anon repeating
[G] Ring, ring the bell

Chorus

[G] Bonfires are blazing and [C] rockets ascend
[G] No meagre triumph such [D7] tokens portend
[G] Shout! shout! my brothers for [C] "all, all is well!"
[D7] 'Tis the universal chorus
[G] Ring, ring the bell

Chorus