

The Bells Are Calling

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1. Come a - way, the bells are call - ing, Mer - ry bells of Christ - mas time;
2. Come a - way, they still are call - ing, While, to crown our fes - tal scene,
3. Come a - way, our faith is call - ing, And we look with lov - ing eyes
4. Come a - way, our souls are call - ing, While the bells re - spons - ive ring;

Youth - ful hearts a - gain are bound - ing While we catch their tune - ful chime.
Bu - sy fin - gers now are twin - ing Wreaths of hol - ly bright and green.
On a low - ly mang - er cra - dle Where the in - fant Sav - ior lies.
Hal - le - lu - jah in the high - est To the Lord's a - noint - ed king.

Refrain

Mer-ry, mer-ry bells, mer-ry, mer-ry bells, List-en to their car-ol and the
Mer-ry, mer-ry Christ-mas bells, mer-ry, mer-ry Christ-mas bells,

joy it tells; Ring - ing far and near, ring - ing sweet and clear,
Ring - ing, ring - ing far and near Ring - ing, ring - ing sweet and clear,

O the bless-èd mu-sic of the old-time bells.