

# The Bells Are Ringing Clear and Sweet

Eben Eugene Rexford, 1882, alt.

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$\text{♩} = 105$  *Cheerfully*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 105. The mood is 'Cheerfully'. The lyrics are arranged in three verses. The first system contains the first three lines of the first verse. The second system contains the first three lines of the second verse. The third system contains the first three lines of the third verse. The fourth system contains the first three lines of the fourth verse. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

1. The bells are ring - ing clear and sweet Be - neath a - dor - ing  
2. O Christ Child, in a man - ger born! The stars sang on Thy  
3. O song which ne - ver shall grow old, Down all the com - ing

an - gel feet, And in our hearts this Christ - mas day Let  
birth - day morn; While cra - dled on Thy mo - ther's breast, The  
ag - es rolled! O Christ Child, born a cross to bear, That

strife and dis - cord die a - way; For, in a man - ger poor and low Was  
shep - herds sought Thy place of rest. Heav'ns peace a - bides up - on the earth In  
we at last a crown may wear! Let us like shep - herds at Thy feet Bring

born the Christ Child years a - go, And wise men in a land a - far Were  
hon - or of Thy low - ly birth; For Thou hast died for us and them Who  
low, as trib - ute, offer - ings meet, And wor - ship there while an - gels sing In

*Refrain With vigor*  
♩ = 110

told the tid - ings by a star.  
hailed Thee king in Beth - le - hem. While sweet-ly o'er Ju - de - a's  
praise of Je - sus Christ, our king. While sweet-ly o'er Ju-

plains Rang out the glad, ex - ult-ant strains, Ex - ult-ant strains Which an - gels  
- de - a's plains which

sing on Christ-mas still, Of peace on earth, to men good will, To  
angels sing on Christ - mas still

men good will.