

Sweet Chiming Bells

As sung by Nowell Sing We Clear

Tune, Setting and Chorus from *The Joy of Christmas: Words and Music of Traditional and Local Carols*, Compiled and Presented by Worrall Male Voice Choir, Privately Published ca. 1981.

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O_ bless-ed night! A star shines bright Though seen through fall-ing snow:

The_ star of love lit from a-bove To_ set the world a - glow.

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1. O blessed night! A star shines bright, though seen through falling snow
The star of love lit from above to set the world aglow

Chorus:

Sweet bells, sweet chiming Christmas bells
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2. Child voices sweet once more repeat the angels' glorious strain
Our gray old Earth, in holy mirth, becomes a child again

3. Chime sweetly on, ye Christmas bells, while happy voices sing
Shine out, O star, from heaven afar and guide us to our King

4. To hail the little new-born King, a few poor shepherds came
Although with wonder, joy and love the heavens were aflame

5. The wise men came upon their way, Led by that heavenly light
O, star of love, shine from above and make our pathway bright

6. The loving heart, the prayer of faith are sweeter gifts to bring
Shine out, O star, from heaven afar and guide us to our King