

Ring the bells of heaven!

George F. Root, 1820-1895

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. The second system begins with a measure number '5'. The third system begins with a measure number '10' and the word 'Refrain' written below the treble staff. The fourth system begins with a measure number '15'. The score concludes with a double bar line at the end of the fourth system.

Ring the bells of Heaven! There is joy today,
For a soul, returning from the wild!
See, the Father meets him out upon the way,
Welcoming His weary, wandering child.

Refrain

*Glory! Glory! How the angels sing:
Glory! Glory! How the loud harps ring!
'Tis the ransomed army, like a mighty sea,
Peeling forth the anthem of the free.*

Ring the bells of Heaven! There is joy today,
For the wanderer now is reconciled;
Yes, a soul is rescued from his sinful way,
And is born anew a ransomed child.

Refrain

Ring the bells of Heaven! Spread the feast today!
Angels, swell the glad triumphant strain!
Tell the joyful tidings, bear it far away!
For a precious soul is born again.

Refrain

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