**I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

I heard the bells on Christmas day  
Their old familiar carols play  
And mild and sweet their songs repeat  
Of peace on earth good will to men

And the bells are ringing (peace on earth)  
Like a choir they're singing (peace on earth)  
In my heart I hear them (peace on earth)  
Peace on earth, good will to men

And in despair I bowed my head  
There is no peace on earth I said  
For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men

But the bells are ringing (peace on earth)  
Like a choir singing (peace on earth)  
Does anybody hear them? (peace on earth)  
Peace on earth, good will to men

Then rang the bells more loud and deep  
God is not dead, nor does he sleep

(peace on earth, peace on earth)  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail   
With peace on earth, good will to men

Then ringing singing on its way

The world revolved from night to day  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, good will to men

And the bells they're ringing (peace on earth)  
Like a choir they're singing (peace on earth)  
And with our hearts we'll hear them (peace on earth)  
Peace on earth, good will to men

Do you hear the bells they're ringing? (peace on earth)  
The life the angels singing (peace on earth)  
Open up your heart and hear them (peace on earth)  
Peace on earth, good will to men

Peace on earth, peace on earth  
Peace on earth, Good will to men

***(Casting Crowns sing an adaption of Longfellow’s Poem)***

**Making sense of some of it**

Prophecy is God’s gift to us: history in advance / (His story)

Christmas prophecies:

**Genesis 3:15** – the Seed crushes the serpent’s head.

**Isaiah 7:14** – The virgin shall conceive and bear a son.

**Isaiah 9:6** – Humanity nd the divine intertwine!

**Micah 5:2** – the very town of His birth is prophesied.

Daniel and the (three) wise men connection.

Jesus has no equal, is unique.

**Final Take Away & Communion**

The hopelessness of mankind's sin

met with the hopefulness of God’ grace…

Sin lost, and righteousness prevailed

The prince of peace has come.

****Dec 17th, 2017**



**Making sense of some of it**

**(One week before Christmas)**

Welcome