

The Message of the Bells

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♩ = 105

Unison

1. I heard the bells, they seemed to say, We ring! Ring! Ring! We're peal - ing out a
 2. One bell pro - claimed, "I ring a - loud," And tell! Tell! Tell! The news to na - tions
 3. An - o - ther rang in ac - cents clear, I bring! Bring! Bring! To send the e - choes
 4. Then all the bells that Christ - mas day, To tell! Tell! Tell! In tones of per - fect

Unison *Girls* *Boys*

cheer - ful lay, We ring! Ring! Ring! Re - e - cho what the an - gels say, To
 of the earth, And swell! Swell! Swell! That Ma - ry's ho - ly child is Lord, To
 far and near, I sing! Sing! Sing! Good news to all, O do not fear, For
 har - mo - ny Rang loud and clear, And from the stee - ples old and gray, In

All

tell how on that bless - ed day, In Da - vid's ci - ty far a - way, Was born the
 all the earth, the sun of God, Fore - told with - in the ho - ly word—"E - man - u -
 Christ the prom - ised One is here, The down - cast hearts of men to cheer— His prais - es
 chor - us grand they seemed to say, We hail the new - born King this day, The Christ is

Refrain Unison

King.
 - el." The glad bells ring, their voic - es tell To na - tions far and wide, Of hap - py Christ - mas -
 sing.
 here.

- tide. The glad bells ring, the tid - ings swell, They ring! They ring! They ring!