

# Merry Christmas Bells Are Ringing

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1. Mer - ry Christ - mas bells are ring - ing, Ring - ing far and near,  
 2. Hap - py voic - es catch the e - cho Of the an - gels' song;  
 3. Grace - ful Christ - mas greens are wreath - ing Col - umn, choir and nave;  
 4. In our souls let glad o - be - dience, Faith and love en - twine,  
 5. Pre - cious Christ - mas gifts are gladden - ing Many a heart and home;  
 6. And have we no gifts to of - fer To our Lord and king?

An - gel voic - es sweet - ly sing - ing, Sing - ing soft and clear;  
 Grand old chant, and joy - ous car - ol, Ring the aisles a - long.  
 While their cross - tipped boughs say ev - er, "Je - sus comes to save."  
 Yield - ing Christ - mas o - dors sweet - er Than the frag - rant pine;  
 But the "Gift all gifts ex - cell - ing," Christ, Him - self, is come;  
 Lord, "our - selves, our souls and bo - dies" Un - to Thee we bring.

Glo - ry! for the Lord is come, "Je - sus makes the earth His home."  
 Let our lips their hom - age pay To the Sav - ior born to - day.  
 And the spi - cy fir's per - fume Breathes its wel - come: "Christ is come!"  
 So our hearts shall hom - age pay To the Sav - ior, born to - day.  
 In your hearts make spee - dy room, For the Christ, the Lord is come!  
 With our lips glad hom - age pay To the Sav - ior, born to - day!