

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION of CHANGE RINGERS



A Hymn of the Church Bells

The sacred bells of England, how gloriously they ring
From ancient tower and steeple, for cottager, for King ;
We love to hear their voices while o'er the fields we roam ;
How sweet to think their echo may reach our Heavenly home !

Church Bells of Happy England, your songs of olden time,
Are chanted down the ages for Vespers and for Prime :
On merry Christmas morning, on Holy Easter Day
Fulfil your festal calling ; bid Churchfolk up and pray.

Church Bells of Christian England ring out your message wide,
Whene'er Our Lord is blessing the bridegroom and the bride,
Or when the Tenor tolling with passing knell we hear,
May one and all remember, a soul to God draws near.

Bellringers of Old England, who peal in earthly fanes
For Christ, our Lord and Master, Who ne'er man's praise disdains,
Sound ye with iron voices on earth God's high command
Till ye may swell His praises in Heaven's Eternal Land.

Amen.