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How do YOU welcome in the new year?

In the Netherlands, everyone sets off fireworks...

In Brazil everyone wears white and jumps over 7 waves – making a wish on each one...

In Great Britain churches often ring bells around midnight, muffling the sound before 12:00AM – then removing mufflers and ringing them loudly to welcome the year!

On December 31, 1850, Alfred Lord Tennyson was staying near Waltham Abbey. When he heard the joyous ringing at midnight he was moved to compose his famous poem “Ring Out, Wild Bells, “ reflecting on what should be rung OUT and also rung IN.

Ring out: grief, strife, want, wars, false pride, civic slander, spite, sin.

Ring in: love of truth, nobler modes of life, sweeter manners, purer laws, peace.



Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

He wrote the words 170 years ago – but they honestly sound as if they were intended for RIGHT NOW – as we begin the year 2021

Read them below in hymn form – or better still, [Click this link](#) and take a few moments to listen to a different musical arrangement of the text!

Wishing you, and all you love, a year that rings in:

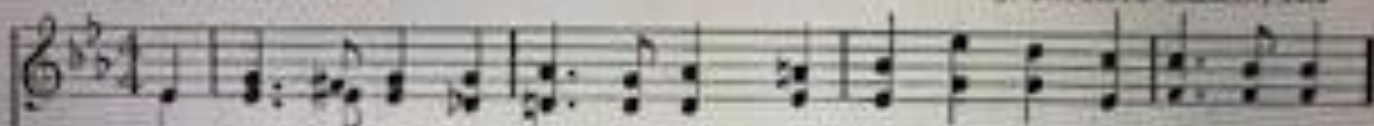
“ the larger heart,
the kindler hand,
the Christ that is to be. “

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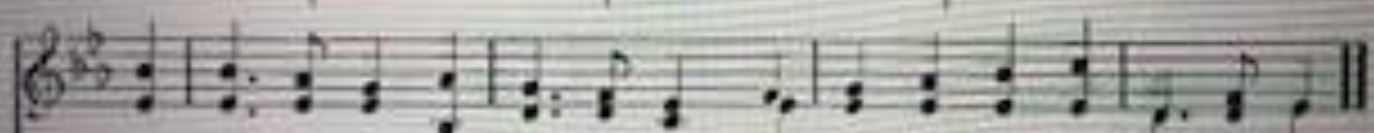
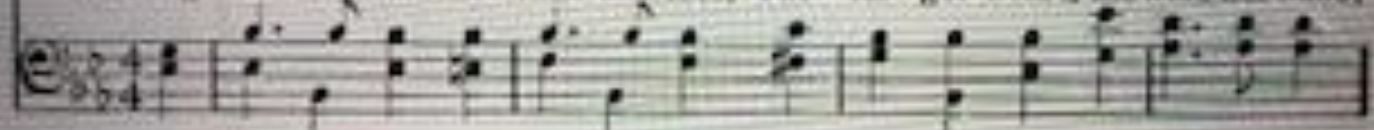
ALFRED TENNYSON, 1849

(WALTHAM, L. M.)

J. BAPTISTE CALKIN, 1872



1. Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The fly-ing cloud, the frost-y light;
2. Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring hap-py bells, a-cross the snow;
3. Ring out the grief that saps the mind For those that here we see no more;
4. Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civ-il slan-der and the spite;
5. Ring out old shapes of foul dis-ease, Ring out the nar-r'wing lust of gold;
6. Ring in the val-iant men and free, The lar-ger heart, the kind-lier hand;



The year is dy-ing in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
The year is dy-ing, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in re-dress for all man-kind.
Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the com-mon love of good.
Ring out the thou-sand wars of old, Ring in the thou-sand years of peace.
Ring out the dark-ness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

