

## 10,000 Maniacs - Carol Of The Bells

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Carol of the Bells is an adaptation of an ancient Ukrainian folk song called a "shchedrivka". An arrangement by Mykola Leontovych (1877-1921) was popularized in the 1930's by Oleksander Koshyts (1875-1944), a Ukrainian choir director who worked in the US and Canada. It has since become an American Christmas classic.

Hark how the bells,  
sweet silver bells,  
all seem to say,  
throw cares away

Christmas is here,  
bringing good cheer,  
to young and old,  
meek and the bold,  
ding dong ding  
that is their song  
with joyful ring  
all caroling

one seems to hear  
words of good cheer  
from everywhere  
filling the air

Oh how they pound,  
raising the sound,  
o'er hill and dale,  
telling their tale,

Gaily they ring  
while people sing  
songs of good cheer,  
Christmas is here,

Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas,  
Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas,  
On on they send ,  
on without end,  
their joyful tone to every home  
Dong Ding dong ding, dong Bong