

# The Bethlehem Bell Ringer

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8

Rec.

B. Cl.

9

Rec.

B. Cl.

## Verse 1

14

RM

19

RM

An an - cient church in Beth - le - hem, a tar - get in a bat - tle of men. Stands  
on the ground where Christ was born. Trapped in - side the eye of a storm.

## Verse 2

27

RM

B. Cl.

31

RM

Sol - diers move from door to door, Mor - tar fire, it's all - out war.  
Arm - y tanks pa - trol the street, They treat ci - vil - ians with con - ceit.

## Chorus

35

RM

B. Cl.

41

RM

B. Cl.

Oh Je - sus, please, help Pal - es - tine. Turn all that blood back in - to wine. Oh Turn - ing Wheel, Di -  
vine De - sign. Please bring peace to Pal - es - tine.

## Verse 3

48

RM

Sa - mir I - brah - im Sal - mam Ful - fills his task the best he can. Each

53

RM

B. Cl.

— day at dawn he tolls the bells, while all a - round the arm - y shells.

58

*Verse 4*

RM

B. Cl.

He walks a-cross the Man - ger Square, for thir - ty years he's lived near there. A

63

RM

B. Cl.

sim - ple man who spends his time in qui - et pray - er at Je - sus' shrine. [Chorus]

67

*Verse 5*

RM

B. Cl.

Up - on the roof a sni - per aims His bit - ter heart with hate in - flames. Sa -

72

RM

B. Cl.

mir walks slow, his back bent low, And is struck down by the bul - let's blow.

77

*Verse 6*

RM

B. Cl.

For man - y hours Sa - mir lay there. Bleed - ing on the Man - ger Square. No

82

RM

B. Cl.

am - bu - lance per - mit - ted near. And so the bell ring - er died there. [Rhythm stops] [Chorus]

88

*Verse 7*

*[slower, gentler - no drum]*

RM

B. Cl.

An an - cient church in Beth - le - hem. The bells of peace won't chime a - gain. The

93

RM

B. Cl.

peo - ple now all live in fear. Griev - ing wails are all you hear. [strong guitar] [Chorus x 2]