

# The Bethlehem Bell Ringer

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Rec. Hp.

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14 *Verse 1* C

RM

An an - cient church in Beth - le - hem, a tar - get in a bat - tle of men. Stands

19

RM

on the ground where Christ was born. Trapped in - side the eye of a storm.

27 *Verse 2* C

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 C Bb C Bb C

RM

Oh Je - sus, please, help Pal - es - tine. Turn all that blood back in - to wine. Oh Turn - ing Wheel, Di -

A.

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41 Bb C Bb C Bb C

RM

vine De - sign. Please bring peace to Pal - es - tine.

A.

vine De - sign. Please bring peace to Pal - es - tine.

Verse 3 C

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

53 RM \_ day at dawn he tolls\_ the bells, while all a - round the arm - y shells.\_

58 Bb C Verse 4

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

63 RM sim - ple\_ man\_ who\_ spends\_ his\_ time\_ in qui - et pray - er at Je - sus' shrine. Bb C [Chorus]

Verse 5 C

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

72 RM mir walks slow, his back\_ bent\_ low, And is struck down by the bul - let's\_ blow.\_ Bb C

Verse 6 C

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

82 RM am - bu - lance per - mit - ted\_ near\_ And so the bell ring - er died there. Bb C [Rhythm stops] [Chorus]

Verse 7 C [slower; gentler - no drum]

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

93 RM peo - ple\_ now\_ all\_ live\_ in\_ fear\_ Griev - ing\_ wails are all\_ you hear. Bb C [strong guitar] [Chorus x 2]