


The Bethlehem Bell Ringer

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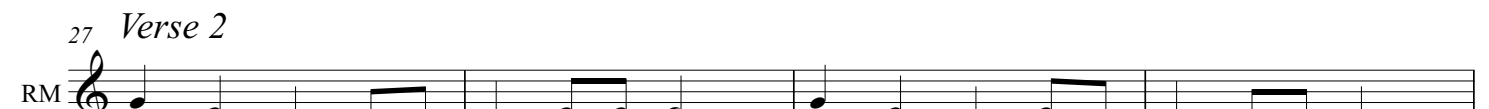
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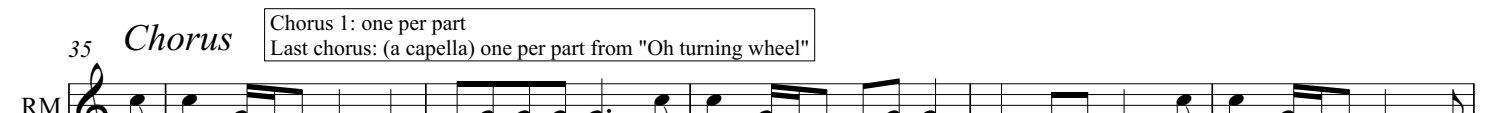

8 Rec.  Hp. 

14 *Verse 1*
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. **4**

27 *Verse 2*
RM 
Sol - diers move from door to door, Mor - tar fire, it's all - out war.

31 RM 
Arm - y tanks pa - trol the street, They treat ci - vil - ians with con - ceit.

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

41 RM 
vine De - sign. Please bring peace to Pal - es - tine. **2**

B. 
vine De - sign. Please bring peace to Pal - es - tine. **2**

Verse 3

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._

Verse 4

58

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. [Chorus]

Verse 5

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._

Verse 6

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. [Rhythm stops] [Chorus]

Verse 7

88

RM  An an - cient church in Beth - le - hem_ The bells of peace won't chime a - gain_ The [slower, gentler - no drum]

93

RM  peo - ple_ now_ all_ live_ in_ fear_ Griev - ing_ wails are all_ you hear. [strong guitar] [Chorus x 2]