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Read "Christmas Bells" (page 66).

A. Match the verses in column A with their interpretation in column B.

A

1. I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
2. And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
3. Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
4. Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
5. It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!
6. And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said:
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"
7. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

B

- It talks about the long-lasting Christian faith and its worship for Christmas day; all day long, the bell towers have been ringing out the same song, peace and goodwill.
- Peace is broken with war and destruction. Still, there is a prayer of hope for peace and goodwill.
- The speaker listens to church bells chiming on Christmas day, creating music that sings of peace and goodwill.
- The sound of cannons feels like if the foundations of the earth were shaking people's warmth, joy and Christmas spirit.
- The poem concludes, imagining that those bells are speaking a reply. They say that in the end, peace and goodwill will prevail over war and despair, and that God continues to watch over the world.
- The speaker concludes that there is no peace, nor goodwill to be found in the world.
- For all of Christmas Day, this song has gone on, and since the beginning of Christianity. For nearly two thousand years the hope of peace has endured, singing the same unbroken song.

8. Who is the author of the poem?

9. What's the title of the poem?