

# Christmas memories in verse

I am going off on a tangent from the alphabetical poets to insert some Christmassy works that have been part of my Christmas traditions.

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.

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.'

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.

Here is a short excerpt follow the link below to read the whole poem.

[I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day Henry Wadsworth Longfellow](#)

## Christmastide

## Christina Rossetti, 1830 – 1894

Love came down at Christmas,  
    Love all lovely, Love Divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
    Star and Angels gave the sign.

I remember my mother reciting this around Christmas time.

I learned this (mainly just the chorus) when I was studying French with a private tutor. I think my brother and I tried to sing it as a round.

This seemed the most authentic and includes the lyrics. Follow along if you know it!

Last but certainly not least,



### A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS.

By CLEMENT C. MOORE.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap—

[https://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/Recordings/a\\_visit\\_from\\_st\\_nicholas\\_moore\\_dda.mp3](https://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/Recordings/a_visit_from_st_nicholas_moore_dda.mp3)

What are some of your traditional and favourite Christmas stories, poems or other readings?