

The Bells of Rhymney (Pete Seeger, 1957, & Idris Davies, 1938) (C)

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Intro

F | C | G | C

C F C G C
O what will you give me? say the sad bells of Rhym-ney.

Bb F G
Is there hope for the future? say the brown bells of Merthyr.

C Bb F G
Who made the mine owner? say the black bells of Rhondda.

C F C G C | C | C | C
And who killed the miner? say the grim bells of Blai-na. [Blii-'nah]

C F C G C
Put the vandals in court, say the bells of New-port.

Bb F G
All would be well if, if, if, if — say the green bells of Cardiff.

C Am Dm F
Why so worried, sisters, why? sang the silver bells of Wye.

C F C G C | C | C | C
And what will you give me? say the sad bells of Rhym-ney.

Optional Instrumental Verse

C F C G C
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Bb F G
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C Bb F G
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C F C G C | C | C | C
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Outro

F | C | D | D | C | C | C | C
Ahh, ahh, ahh, ahh, — ahh →

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Ahh, ahh, ahh, ahh, — ahh →

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Ahh, ahh, ahh, ahh, — ahh →