

WHY CHRISTMAS JOY ?

RING ye, ring the welcome bell !

Bide not dawning ray,
Send the swinging sound to tell
Castle, cottage, cloister—cell—
'Tis the happy day !

List ! the wild uprising joy,
Hasting naked feet ;
Eager girl and bounding boy
Tumble out the stockinged toy
And the dainty sweet.

Listen to the jingling bells—
Sleighs are glancing by,
Sweeping far to bracing fells.
Winding on thro' fairy dells,
Under dazzling sky.