

The Bells Are Ringing
They Might Be Giants

Artist: They Might Be Giants
Song: The Bells are Ringing
Album: Factory Showroom

Verse:

C **F** **C** **F**
Bum Bum Bum Bum Bum Bum Bum Bum
C **F**
The bells are ringing
C **F**
The song they re singing
C **F** **G**
The sound is bringing the people round
C **F**
They hear the instructions
C **F**
They follow directions
C **F** **G**
They travel great distances to the sound
C **F**
The bells are ringing
C **F**
The song they re singing
C **F** **G**
The sound is bringing the people round
C **F**
They hear the instructions
C **F**
They follow directions
C **F** **G**
They travel great distances to the sound

Chorus:

Am **F** **C**
They are persuaded by the music of the bells
Am **F** **G**
They re not responsible for anything they do
Am **F**
The people know
Am **F**
The way to go
F **G** **C**
The bells are ringing they hear the sound

Fill:

F **Am** **C**

They hear the sound, they hear the sound, they hear the sound

F

Am

C

They hear the sound, they hear the sound, they hear the sound

Verse:

The bells are ringing

And everyone s walking

With arms extended in a trance

Forgetting their washing

Neglecting the children

They re dropping all businesses at hand

Chorus:

A voice is telling them to act a different way

They tilt their heads so they won t miss what it will say

And when it s so

There s this to know

The bells are ringing they hear the sound

Verse:

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They follow directions

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Chorus:

They are persuaded by the music of the bells

They re not responsible for anything they do

The people know

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The bells are ringing they hear the sound

Bridge:

F

C

A girl with cotton in her ears

F

G

Is shielded from the bells effect

A

As if by hidden signal,

Dm

The people turn to face her

F

One thousand eyes are staring

G

C

They pull away her earplugs

Verse:

The bells are pealing

And they re revealing

The simple key to happiness

It isn t evil

It isn't good
It's only what the people miss

Chorus:

The bells explain what they've been lacking all along
They were disorganized and that was what was wrong
And now they know
The way to go
The bells are ringing they hear the sound

Verse:

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(Drum Outro)