

WHEN HIS BELLS RING FOR THE LAST TIME

(D-major)

Prelude: D D D D

- He had cut the cord, this is his last performance.
 He fought for his respiration till the end.
 He always showed vital power in abundance.
 But now his time had come to strike the tent.
 He had some foibles, surely too some weak points,
 But a nature, that everyone had to forgive.
 Yes, he was able to break each wrath without constraint,
 always be willing to forget, mercy to live.

Refrain: h A G D
 A rock, a man of hope, to whom we bow.
 G A e h
 No meeting we are repenting.
 G D A4 A
 A real friend for us is leaving now,
 e D A D
 When his last bells ring, the moment is still standing.

- His laughter hearty, his conclusions biting,
 for our need too he had an open ear.
 His comments and explanations were exciting.
 When he was there, all our sorrows could disappear.
 He was present, when bad times were oppressing,
 and our hearts were filled with grief and pain.
 His cheerful words had always been a blessing.
 In our minds his comfort will remain.

Interlude: D A G D G D A4 A
 D A G D G D e7 A
 e H e D G A G A D4 D

End: h A G D
 He'd been reliable, honest and sincere.
 G A e h
 It has been a joy to tell him to our friends.
 G A D4 D
 Respectfully at his coffin we are standing here,
 G A G D
 When his bells ring and declare here his end.
 h A G D
 We'll always remember the values to which he clung,
 G A G h
 the hours of pleasure, the sound of this last chime.
 h A G D
 In our hearts he will stay forever young,
 G D G D A D D D
 even if now his bells ring for the last time.