

## **They Might Be Giants "The Bells Are Ringing"**

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The bells are ringing  
The song they're singing  
The sound is bringing the people 'round  
They hear the instructions  
They follow directions  
They travel great distances to the sound  
The bells are ringing  
The song they're singing  
The sound is bringing the people 'round (the bells are  
ringing the song  
they're singing  
the sound is)  
They hear the instructions (bringing the people 'round)  
They follow directions  
They travel great distances to the sound (they travel  
great distances to  
the sound)  
They are persuaded by the music of the bells  
They're not responsible for anything they do  
(No) The people know  
(No) The way to go  
The bells are ringing, they hear the sound  
They hear the sound (they hear the sound)  
They hear the sound (they hear the sound)  
They hear the sound (they hear the sound)  
They hear the sound  
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  
A voice is telling them to act a different way  
They tilt their heads so they won't miss what it will say  
(No) And when it's so  
(No) There's this to know  
The bells are ringing, they hear the sound  
The bells are ringing  
The song they're singing  
The sound is bringing the people 'round  
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They're not responsible for anything they do  
(No) The people know  
(No) The way to go  
The bells are ringing, they hear the sound  
A girl with cotton in her ears

Is shielded from the bells' effect  
As if by hidden signal  
The people turn to face her  
One thousand eyes are staring  
They pull away her earplugs  
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  
The bells explain what they've been lacking all along  
They were disorganized and that was what was wrong  
(No) And now they know  
(No) The way to go  
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