

CHIMES OF FREEDOM

Bob Dylan

Well far between sundown's finish and midnight's broken
toll

We ducked inside the doorway thunder crashin'
As majestic bells of boats struck shadows in the sun
Sayin' it may be the chimes of freedom flashin'

Flashin' for the warriors whose strength is not to fight
Flashin' for the refugees on their unarmed road of flight
And for each and every underdog soldier in the night
We gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashin'

Well in the city's melted furnace unexpectedly we
watched
With faces hidden here while the walls were tightenin'
As the echo of the wedding bells before the blowing rain
Dissolved into the wild bales of lightnin'

Yeah tollin' for the rebel yeah tollin' for the raked
Tollin' for the luckless the abandoned and forsaked
Yeah tollin' for the outcasts burnin' constantly at stakes
And we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashin'

And then through a cloud-like curtain in a far off corner
flashed
There's a hypnotic splattered mist was slowly liftin'
Well electric light still struck like arrows

Fired but for the ones condemned to drift or else be kept
from driftin'

Well tollin' for the searching ones on this speechless
secret trail

For the lonesome haunted lovers with too personal a tale
And for each young heart for each channeled soul
misplaced inside a jail
Yeah we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashin'

Well starry eyed and laughin' I recall when we were
caught
Trapped by an old track of vows for the hands suspended
As we listened one last time and we watched with one
last look
Spellbound and swallowed "Has the tollin' ended?"

Yeah tollin' for the achin' ones whose wounds cannot be
nursed
For the countless confused accused misused strung out
ones at worst
And for every hung out person in the whole wide universe
We gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashin'





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