Limerick Bells

Sweet bells of St Mary's,
Sweet bells of old time,
On green banks of Shannon
Why silent your chime?
Break forth into music
O'er valleys so fair,
By lonely Knockfiarna
And groves of Adare.
Awake the far echoes,
Ringmoylan's fair dells,
Shall hark to the sound of
Old Limerick bells.

Wake Cratloe's far highlands

And mountains of Clare

Beyond Ardnacrusha

Thy notes shall repair;

The voices of Shannon

Shall join with each chime,

Rolling on to the ocean

In music sublime,

Till mountain and valley

In unison swells,

In the clang and the peal of

Old Limerick's bells.

May clamour and passion
Be hushed as you toll,
Melodious and cadent,
Our bosoms control.
Let all who love Erin
In harmony join,
No longer discordant,
By Shannon and Boyne.
Then haply the future
Of happiness tells,
To all who shall list to
Old Limerick's bells.