

# Jingle Bells

One of the best-known and commonly sung American Christmas songs, Jingle Bells was written in 1857 by James Lord Pierpont and published under the title “One Horse Open Sleigh”. Folklore claims it was written to be sung as either a drinking song or performed by a Sunday school choir. Either way, it originally had no connection to Christmas and it wasn’t until the 1870s-1880s that the song became associated with the holiday season.

## Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way

Bells on bob tail ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight!

Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way.  
Oh! what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way;  
Oh! what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.



**Fun fact:** Jingle Bells was first recorded in 1889 on an Edison cylinder, and is believed to be the first Christmas record!

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