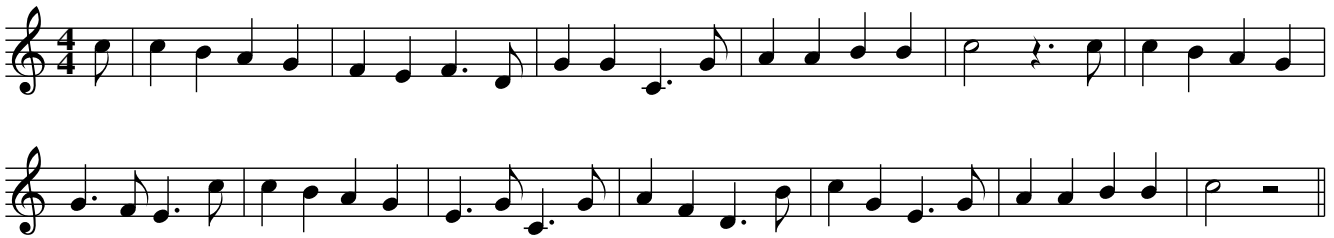


Malling Chimes 2021

Milly Murphy

Original words

The bells of South Malling are most unusual, they have no ropes at all.
 They're played by hitting levers down, their chime rings out all over town,
 To call people from far and near, to sing God's praises here.

Sussex Harmony Chairman's Report 2021

V1

The year Twenty Twenty was most unusual, we hardly met at all.
 We practiced just seven times, including a quick EGM,
 And then we sung an evensong at Ripe's church of St John.

V2

Then we were all instructed we must stay at home, and not go out at all.
 But being friends we kept in touch, with emailed songs, music & such,
 And Brigid's quiz to test grey cells, to know that all were well.

V3

The Sixteenth of April Rachel started to Zoom, quire from our own front rooms!
 We nattered in our usual way, we found that only one could play,
 From Birthday book & Singing Seat we sang along on mute.

V4

With Andy's hard work we then recorded, the Sussex Lockdown Toast,
 And then the Psalm 150 too, there were no bounds on what we could do,
 For Christmas Hark the Herald sang, to Newtons or St Pauls.

V5

Now I have the sad task to commemorate, the passing of two mates,
 Our curtal player was cut down, Mike Land was taken from our town,
 And then the bad news of Prue Green, no more bassoon to be seen.

V6

And finally I end the chairman's report, thanks for all your support.
 Rachel gathered all of us round, with power of zoom we have found,
 That we can keep our friendships up, God bless, I now shut up.