

# Jingle Bells

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

Dashing through the snow  
On a one-horse open sleigh,  
Over 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

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A day or two ago,  
I thought I'd take a ride,  
And soon Miss Fanny Bright  
Was seated by my side;  
The horse was lean and lank;  
Misfortune seemed his lot;  
He got into a drifted bank,  
And we, we got upstot.

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A day or two ago,  
The story I must tell  
I went out on the snow  
And on my back I fell;  
A gent was riding by  
In a one-horse open sleigh,  
He laughed as there  
I sprawling lie,  
But quickly drove away.

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Now the ground is white  
Go it while you're young,  
Take the girls tonight  
And sing this sleighing song;  
Just get a bob-tailed bay  
Two-forty as his speed  
Hitch him to an open sleigh  
And crack! You'll take the lead.

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Believe it or not, "Jingle Bells", originally "One Horse Open Sleigh", one of the most famous American Christmas songs, was originally written for Thanksgiving! The author and composer of Jingle Bells was a minister called James Pierpoint who composed the song in 1857 for children celebrating his Boston Sunday School Thanksgiving.

The song was so popular that it was repeated at Christmas, and indeed Jingle Bells has been reprised ever since.