

A Bellringers Prayer

*Almighty and most merciful Conductor,
We have erred and strayed from Thy beat like lost sheep;
We have followed too much the accidentals and tempi of our
own hearts.
We have offended against Thy dynamic markings.
We have left unringed those notes which we ought to have rung
And we have rung those notes which we ought not to have rung
And there is no damping in us.*

*But Thou, O Conductor, have mercy upon us, miserable ringers;
Succor the key-signature challenged;
Restore Thou them that need help turning their page;
Spare Thou them that have pencils.
Pardon our mistakes, and have faith that hereafter
We will follow Thy directions
And ring together in perfect harmony.*