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Peace on earth, good will to men

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

This poem was written Christmas 1863, after suffering personal tragedy and during the civil war. It seems he was lamenting the suffering he saw around himself with the sounds of the Christmas bells ringing and the singing of "Peace on Earth "coming from nearby churches.

> I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play And mild and sweet their songs repeat Of peace on earth good will to men

And the bells are ringing Like a choir they're singing In my heart I hear them Peace on earth, good will to men

And in despair I bowed my head There is no peace on earth I said For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men

But the bells are ringing Like a choir singing Does anybody hear them? Peace on earth, good will to men

Then rang the bells more loud and deep God is not dead, nor does he sleep The wrong shall fail, the right prevail With peace on earth, good will to men

The ringing singing on its way The world revolved from night to day A voice, a chime, a chant sublime Of peace on earth, good will to men And the bells they're ringing Like a choir they're singing And with our hearts we'll hear them Peace on earth, good will to men

Do you hear the bells they're ringing? The life the angels singing Open up your heart and hear them Peace on earth, good will to men Peace on earth, peace on earth Peace on earth, good will to men







OH HOLY NIGHT

Copper star feeder offers three perching areas, an ample amount of seed storage and allows for maximum view of bird activity. 14 x 19" and holds 4 lbs. of seed! Any bird lover will love it!



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St Francis Blesses the Animals Approximate size 9x5"



The Berry Birds Feeder Approximate size 9x7"



Give them the gift of water free of ice! A thermostatically controlled heated birdbath is a magnet for birds when cold winds blow. Water is essential for bathing and drinking.



"Millet/Not Milo"

"Who eats the millet, it always ends up on the ground?" We hear this all the time. There is a reason why it always gets kicked out and ends up on the ground. It belongs there! The white-proso millet is for ground feeding birds like juncos(snowbirds), song sparrows, white-throated sparrows and Harris sparrows, doves, towhees. 31 years ago, we trained by the nation's leading authority on bird behavior, Dr Al Geis. Dr. Geis preached, "sunflower up" and "millet down"!

Our patio mixes contain three ingredients, sunflower, nuts and white-proso millet, all shelled. The birds coming to a hanging feeder are there for the nuts and sunflower and typically rake through the blend looking for their preferred seeds knocking the millet on the ground. The ground crew are actually delighted by their cast offs!

White-proso millet is not a "filler seed". If you buy a mix from the hardware store or big box store, you will notice a round reddish seed, not millet. This is milo. Milo has been genetically altered to be undesirable to birds in the field. Otherwise, they'd have no crop for cattle feed.



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from left to right Tammy, Trudy, Cathy & Nick With grateful hearts we wish you and yours a Happy Holiday.



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