

Heart Like a Bell

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Your calling is not to ring it,
but to build the bell tower,
to yoke the shank for strength,
to sweep the curved crown,
strong shoulder,
short waist and open lip
clean of wasp's nests and cobwebs,
so when it swings,
its tongue breaks the silence
with ripples of celebration
across farm, river, mountain,
city, canyon and ocean
in any kind of weather.

