

The very pious poetry of Marie Noël

Noël! Noël!
From the bellfries,
Noël! Noël!
All the bumblebees
Leap in chorus as far as the moon.
Noël! Noël!
The vague angels
Wrapped up warm in the brown night,
Ring, ring, ring, go on,
My lovely bells, ding, ding dong!

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