

A famous London landmark. <sup>But the thousands who pass it every day</sup> ~~But how often people look up and think~~  
~~only think they are looking at Big Ben.~~  
~~Ah, Big Ben. They're wrong, you know!~~ Big Ben is not the clock, it's  
~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> bell - the most famous bell in the world. A thirteen-and-a-half ton  
 monster that is just one hundred years old.

~~The chimes of Big Ben were first broadcast in 1923.~~  
~~Making its first broadcast, in 1923, Big Ben quickly became famous...~~

During the war years, <sup>they</sup> ~~these~~ chimes became a symbol of hope ~~and~~  
 inspiration to ~~people in the occupied~~ people in the occupied  
 countries - listening <sup>to London</sup> on forbidden radio <sup>sets</sup> receivers / ~~receivers~~

On a still night, the chimes ring out clear to Whitechapel. And it was  
 there, in this ancient <sup>foundry</sup> ~~factory~~, that the 17-tons of molten metal were  
 poured into a giant mould of London clay and horsehair - 100 years ago.  
 And bridging a century - here is the actual pattern they used to fashion  
 Big Ben...

The foundry was established, in 1570, in the reign of Elizabeth <sup>the First</sup> ~~First~~.  
 Recently, it has been working to restore some more famous chimes to  
 London - the new Bow Bells...

This old-established firm began its <sup>export</sup> ~~export~~ trade in bells, over 200  
 years ago. And to-day, in Canada and the United States, <sup>throughout</sup> ~~throughout~~  
 Europe and the Commonwealth, even to the Arctic circle - bells are  
 sounding the skill and industry of British craftsmen...

Meanwhile, it's time to say - many happy chimes to Big Ben...