

New Year's Eve Poetry

Ring out the Old, Ring in the New



Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Alfred, Lord Tennyson

To Start a New Year

"A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.

Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with Your help and guidance."

I Am the New Year



I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

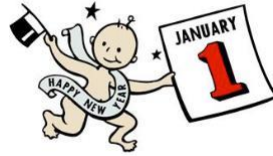
All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said,
"Behold, I make all things new."

A New Year



Another fresh new year is here ...
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest ...
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!

William Arthur Ward

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you
most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.



New Year

This night
of all the nights
is the year's last.
All, all
the other nights
are gone, are past...

After
the evening, with
its fading light,
put the lid
on the hour
and close it tight.

Close up
your tired eye;
close up the day.
Bid the old year
Goodbye,
and come away.

- Jean Kenward

To



To leave the old with a burst of song;
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the things that bind you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worth while of the days grown old;
To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road,
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

- Author Unknown

New Year Cheer



At the sound of the tolling midnight bell
a brand new year will begin.

Let's raise our hopes in a confident toast
to the promise it ushers in.

May your battles be few, your pleasure
many your wishes and dreams fulfilled.
May your confidence stand in the face of
loss and give you the strength to rebuild.

May peace of heart fill all your days.
May serenity grace your soul.
May tranquil moments bless your life
and keep your spirit whole.

- Author Unknown