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NEW YEAR GREETING.

NO Human Life can ever run
Its course without a tear,
As clouds must sometimes veil the Sun,
Some griefs must come each Year;
But as the swift years onward go,
May each bring joy to thee,
And of Life's sorrow may'st thou know
As little as can be!
Some flowers in the noon-day bask,
Some love the twilight shade,
Some few perpetual sunshine ask,
And some a sheltered glade;
And happy we, if to our hearts
We own this truth confessed
That man in Life plays many parts,
And that "what is is best!"
May be the joys the Old Year brought,
To us, were only few.
We by that lesson should be taught
To seek them in the New:
In loyal love, I send, to-day,
This wish unto thee, Dear,
"Thornless be all thy Flowers, I pray,
Through all the Coming Year!"

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