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## THE PASTOR'S NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS,

TO THE CONGREGATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL, JANUARY 1st, 1868.

TUNE—"Sing of a Saviour's love."

1. Oh, welcome, thrice welcome, our festival day!  
Hope of a Happy New Year!  
May thy morning so bright shed its silvery ray  
Down the path of a Happy New Year!  
But tell us, oh tell us, before thou depart,  
If always so bright and so joyous thou art,  
And if to all, the great and the small,  
Thou bringest a Happy New Year.
  
2. Oh, say, is it only the wealthy and great  
Who enjoy a Happy New Year?  
And if learning, and power, and worldly estate,  
Ensure a Happy New Year?  
Or does our Creator this blessing impart  
To none but the good and the upright in heart,  
Crowning alone those who follow His Son,  
With the joy of a Happy New Year?
  
3. Yes! God on His children alone can bestow  
The bliss of a Happy New Year;  
And none but true Christians the secret can know  
Of a truly Happy New Year.  
For our Father beholds from his throne in the sky,  
The rich and the poor, and the low and the high;  
Each one to give, as each one shall live,  
A sad, or a Happy New Year.
  
4. Oh come then, dear children, this morning begin  
To try for a Happy New Year;  
Come to Jesus to-day, repenting of sin,  
And ask for a Happy New Year.  
Then oft as we meet in our School, and our Band,  
Learning the way to the heavenly Land,  
This one will prove, as onward we move,  
A Happy, most Happy New Year!