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A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

'Twas a happy new year upon Egypt's coast When the ransomed of God went free, When Phanoh with all his pursuing host Lay under the deep Red Soa. And Isrnel's people were glad at heart, As each Abib month drew near; For Jehovah from bondage had bid them depart, That first joyous month of the year.

'Twas a happy new year to the sons of toil,
When the labouring six had flown;
And a long long Sabbath gave rest to the soil,
While it lay in God's hand alone.
Then the Hebrew bondman went home in peace,
The debtor had nought to fear;
As the morning light dawned on the time of release,
And brought them a happy new year.

'Twas a happy new year, when seven times seven Were memories quickly forgot;
And Israel's sons, by the mandate of Heaven, Stood each in his father's lot. Then over the land, from broad sea to sea, The silver toned trumpets rang clear;
'Rejvice ye! rejoice! 'tis the glad Jubilee, God sends you a happy new year.'

The year of the ransomed, the year of release, And the Jubilee year is come; The bringer, of freedom and pardon and peace, Is calling His banished ones home. To all that receive the glad son-4d of the Word, Far off or by grace brought near, In Jesus the Saviour, the crucilled Lord, There awaits you a happy new year. C.