

On ne'er returning wing shall take its flight,  
To seek those vision lands where dwell its sires,  
Like kings dethroned, reviewing former scenes.  
Ah! fleeting year, thou too hast tales in store!  
The babe, thy dawn that never saw, is now  
In playful mood upon its mother's knee;  
While many in thy short-lived day have reached  
Their long, last home: and one of them has been  
A classmate, yes! but yet to me endeared  
By ties more tender far,—one ardent in  
Pursuit of knowledge, of stature tall,  
Of noble aspect, and of waving locks,  
While brilliant rolled his jet-black eye. I drop  
The doleful theme. Farewell; I name thee not.

P. W.

Queen's College, Kingston,  
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## HYMN FOR THE NEW YEAR, 1852.

BY THE REV. THOS. RAFFLES, D. D., L. L. D.

Who can count the grains of sand  
On the Ocean's shores that lie?  
Who, the numbers understand  
Of the gems that stud the sky?  
Who can tell the leaves that straw  
Earth amid autumnal glow?  
Or the drops of pearly dew  
From the morn's prolific womb?

Yet more numerous far than these  
Are the mercies I receive;  
Sands, nor stars, nor forest leaves  
Can the countless numbers give.  
Mercies every morn renewed,  
Fresh at every evening's close;  
From the Boundless Source of Good  
Ceaseless is the stream that flows.

From my mother's anxious breast,  
Where a helpless babe I hung,  
He my onward path has blest,  
Filled with songs of joy my tongue.  
When, beset by every ill,  
Danger lurked, and death was there,  
He has been my guardian still,  
Made my worthless life His care.

Through another year, so true,  
He hath helped me on my way;  
How the thanks and praises due  
Shall my grateful spirit pay?  
Language, thought, and feeling fail—  
All too faint and feeble prove;  
Endless is the wondrous tale  
Of my Heavenly Father's love!

Then, O take this heart of mine,  
All I am I yield to Thee,  
All I have I now resign,  
Thine in life and death to be;  
Thine, in poverty or wealth;  
Thine, in sorrow or in joy;  
Thine, in sickness and in health;  
Scenes that gladden, or annoy.

Thine, through all the devious way  
Yet my feet are doomed to tread;  
Thine, to serve from day to day  
Till I'm numbered with the dead.  
Then, when'er the summons come,  
Glad from earth my soul shall fly,  
Rise, to claim my Heavenly Home;  
Thine, for ever in the sky!

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