

NEW YEAR GIFTS.

Bring to the New Year faith,
Out of the Old Year's wraith,
Faith in the Father wide over all,
O'er lilies that wither and sparrows that fall,
Out of ill who gives goodness, turns bitter to sweet,
And makes wealthy places for weary feet;
Faith that shall find Him near,
Making a glad New Year.

Bring to the New Year hope,
Changing to sunny slope
Of pasture green, with bright flowers bedight,
Time's nearer pathway and distant height,
Where the Sun shines ever from out the gates
Of the city unseen where your glory waits;
Hope that shall make soul cheer
Through all the glad New Year.

Bring to the New Year love,
Best gift of realms above,
Into your hungering heart that fell
When it opened to welcome Immanuel.
To bless you with more than the angels find,
And make you Heaven's blessing to all your kind;
Love that casts out all fear,
God's life in the glad New Year.—C.