

New Year Hope

Song 1

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The first system of musical notation for 'New Year Hope' consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The lower staff is in bass clef and begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note B2. The system concludes with a double bar line.

The second system of musical notation begins at measure 6. The upper staff continues with a half note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The lower staff continues with a half note G2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note B2. The system concludes with a double bar line.

The third system of musical notation begins at measure 12. The upper staff continues with a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The lower staff continues with a half note G2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note B2. The system concludes with a double bar line.

The fourth system of musical notation begins at measure 17. The upper staff continues with a half note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The lower staff continues with a half note G2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note B2. The system concludes with a double bar line.

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God, be with us throughout the coming year,
your presence guiding as we chart our course;
our hope replenished, resolutions made
to live our lives, Christ's teaching to endorse;
and now, with Christmas celebrations past
the joy remains, faith's flame renewed will last

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Just as the Wise Men having seen, returned,
their task accomplished, prophecy fulfilled,
may we take up our tasks, empowered by you,
your star to guide, its light in us instilled,
with knowledge that you journey at our side;
that faith, hope, love forever will abide.

2

We give you thanks for gifts we have received:
for gold of friendship, an unbroken chain
which links us with our loved ones through the years;
for myrrh of memory, healing grief and pain;
for frankincense of beauty, laughter shared,
and knowing you have loved, sustained and cared.

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Faced with the challenges this New Year brings,
we need your wisdom, patience, courage, strength:
the hope that warring factions will seek peace,
pursue Christ's way, his kingdom come at length.
Help us to strive for justice, equity;
inspire with vision all humanity