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*If it didn't bring you joy  
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Let's ring in the new year  
with good things in mind*

*Drop every bad memory  
that brought heartache  
and pain  
And let's turn a new leaf  
with the smell of new rain*

*Let's forget past mistakes  
making amends for this year  
Sending you these greetings  
to bring you hope and cheer*

*Happy New Year!*



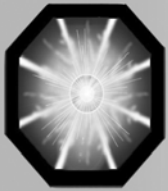
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*"Let us touch the dying, the poor,  
the lonely and the unwanted  
according to the graces we have  
received and let us not be ashamed  
or slow to do the humble work."*

- Mother Teresa

**Saturday Night  
Karaoke  
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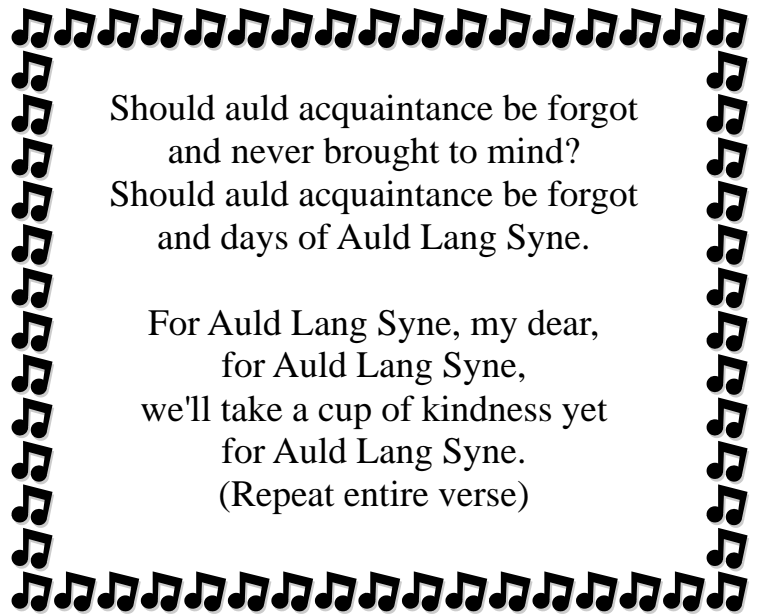
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### Auld Lang Syne

Inspired by an old Scottish tune, the song Auld Lang Syne (meaning 'the good old days') has become the National Anthem of New Year's eve celebration.

The song is traditionally sung at midnight on New Year's Eve in almost all English speaking countries of the world.

The lyrics to the song Auld Lang Syne were written by the poet Robert Burns and published after his death in 1796.



Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
and never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
and days of Auld Lang Syne.

For Auld Lang Syne, my dear,  
for Auld Lang Syne,  
we'll take a cup of kindness yet  
for Auld Lang Syne.  
(Repeat entire verse)

### New Year's Superstition

#### *Make Noise*

*People believe that Evil One and his attendants and servants hate din and loud noise. So, scare them away by being as loud in New Year celebrations as possible. Church bells are rung at midnight for the same reason.*

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## New Year Superstitions

*People across the globe trust in certain superstitions related to New Year's Day. Underlying ideas behind most of these superstitions is that events occurring on New Year's Day sets the pattern for the rest of the year. According to customs prevalent in their society, people perform auspicious acts to invite Lady Luck and ward off evil. Given here are some of the most astonishing and popular New Year Superstitions:*

### **Wear New Clothes**

People believe that one should wear new clothes on a New Year's Day. This would mean receiving more new garments during the year. Red clothing is preferred for New Year's Day since red is considered a happy colour and is sure to attract for the wearer a brighter future.

### **Avoid Crying**

It is said that one should avoid breaking things or crying and wailing on the first day of the year, if you don't want to continue the pattern for the entire year.

### **Be Polite**

People say that one should behave nicely on New

Year's and must refrain from using foul language. Ghost stories and conversations on death should also be avoided.

### **Lucky New Year Babies**

Babies born on January 1st are said to be the luckiest of all throughout their lives.

### **Don't Let Money Leave the House**

In several countries, people do not let money, jewelry, precious items or other invaluable things leave home on New Year's Day. Hence, it is said that one should not pay loans and bills or lend things to anybody. People go to the extent of not taking out garbage or even not dusting their carpets on this day to ensure that nothing goes out of home during the year. If you have to deliver presents on New Year's morning, it is advised to leave them in the car on New Year's Eve. In case you must take something out from the home, let someone come with the present inside the home first.

### **Letting the Old Year Out**

At midnight, all the doors of a house must be opened to let the old year escape unimpeded.

