

# The Old Year Now Away is Fled

## A Carol for New Year's Day

From Good and True, Fresh and New, 1642

Anon.

Em Em G D D Em Em B B Em

The old year now a - way is fled, The new year it is en - ter - ed; Then  
And now let all the com - pa - ny friend - ly man - ner all a - gree, For  
Give us more li - quor when I call, I'll drink to each one in this hall, I

This musical score consists of four staves of music for three voices. The top staff uses soprano C-clef, the middle staff alto F-clef, and the bottom staff bass G-clef. The time signature is common time (indicated by '3'). The vocal parts are labeled with Roman numerals: I (top), II (middle), and III (bottom). The lyrics are written below the notes, corresponding to the chords above them: Em, Em, G, D, D, Em, Em, B, B, Em. The melody starts with a sustained note on Em, followed by a melodic line in Em, then moves to G, D, D, Em, Em, B, B, Em. The lyrics describe the departure of the old year and the arrival of the new, with a call to social gathering and merriment.

Em G D D Em B Em Em

let us now our sins down - tread, And joy - ful - ly all ap - pear.  
we are here welcome all may see Un - to this jol - ly good cheer.  
hope that loud I must not bawl, So un - to me lend an ear.

This musical score continues the melody from the previous section. The vocal parts remain the same: I (top), II (middle), and III (bottom). The lyrics continue the theme of welcoming the new year, with a focus on sins, joy, and good cheer. The melody follows a similar pattern of chords: Em, G, D, D, Em, B, Em, Em. The lyrics are more descriptive, mentioning sins, joy, and the lending of good cheer.

G                    G                    D                    D                    Em                    Em                    B                    B

Let's  
I  
Good for-tune  
mer - ry  
thank my mas - ter  
to my  
Good for-tune  
be this  
and my  
mas - ter  
day,  
dame,  
send,  
And  
The  
which  
to our  
let us  
run with  
found - ers  
dame which  
sport  
of  
is  
and  
the  
our  
play,  
same,  
friend,

G                    G                    D                    D                    Em                    B                    E                    E

hang  
To eat and  
God bless us  
sor - row, cast  
drink now  
all, and  
care a -  
is no  
so I  
way,  
shame,  
end,  
God  
God  
God  
send us a  
send you a  
send us a  
mer - ry new  
hap - py new  
hap - py new  
year.  
year.  
year.  
year.