

Firedance: Songs for Winter Solstice Album

Track 7

The Old Yeare Now Away is Fled

Traditional

The old yeare now away is fled
The new yeare it is entered
Then let us now our wrongs downtread
And joyfully all appeare

Let's merry be this day
And let us now both sport and play
Hang sorrow! Cast care away
God send you a happy new yeare!

And now, with new yeare's gifts each friend
Unto each other they doe send
God grant we may our lives amend
And that the truth may appeare

Now like the snake cast off your skin
Of troubled thoughts toward your kin
And to amend this new yeare begin
God send us a happy new yeare!

And now let all the company
In friendly manner all agree
For we are here welcome, all may see
Unto this jolly good cheer

I thanke my master and my dame
The which are founders of the same
To eate and drinke now is no shame
God send us a happy new yeare!

Come lads and lasses, every one
Jack, Tom, Dick, Bessie, Mary and Joan
Let's cut the meat up into the bone
For welcome you need not fear!

And here for good liquor we shall not lack
It will whet my braines and strengthen my back
This jolly good cheere it must goe to wrack!
God send us a happy new yeare!

Come give us more liquor when I doe call
Ile drink to each one in this hall
I hope that so loud I must not baule
But unto me lend an ear

Good fortune to my master send
And to our dame which is our friend
Lord bless us all! - and so I end
God send us a happy new yeare!