

As the old year passes

1. As the old year passes
we look back, reflect:
times of joy and promise,
times we'd best forget.
God of the ages
help us walk your way.
Help us greet your future,
seize tomorrow's day

2. As the old year passes
sorrow wells within:
loved ones no more 'round us,
all that could have been.
God of compassion
heal each ailing heart.
Guide us to your future
where new life may start

3. As the old year passes
we cry for our struggling world.
Climate ever-changing,
fighting too-often heard.
Jesus, you call us
to cherish all you give.
Call us to your future
where all in peace, might live

4. As the new year dawns now
we would give you praise.
Faithful God, come lead us
onward in new ways.
We'll love and serve you
in the faith of Christ,
in your Spirit's future;
people of new life.

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