

THE New Year, Lord, we welcome make
With grateful heart and tongue;
The newness of the year shall wake
Our prayerfulness and song.

- 2 We look for things unseen before,
For joys till now unknown;
O come, and on this New Year pour
A newness all Thine own.
- 3 Grant us new beams of light to see,
New steps of Thine to trace,
New visions of Thy majesty,
New visits of Thy grace.
- 4 Help us new peaks of Truth to climb,
To grasp new realms of lore,
Each depth divine, each height sublime
More amply to explore.
- 5 Augment our skill for things divine,
Thy Word, profound, to read;
And let this year in joy divine
Each earlier year exceed.
- 6 May grace those sweet surprises lend
That bring our God more near;
And blessings all-divine commend
The newness of the year.

Thomas Hornblower Gill, 1819-1906.†