



A NEW YEAR LETTER

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♥♥♥♥ A LITTLE VERSE ♥♥♥♥



HERE begins another NEW-YEAR:
 Here begin new days that give
 Brand new hopes and brand new chances,
 Bright new days to love and live.
 All the best of days now over
 We'll remember, keep and treasure,
 And we'll try to add so to them
 That there'll be no end nor measure.
 All that's sad or hard or cruel
 Has no more to do with you;
 They are gone, yes, gone forever,
 All is good, and sweet, and NEW.
 We will take each new day given,
 As a blessed gift and dear,
 From our God who plans in Heaven
 All the days that make the year.
 So, dear little Friends and people,
 Every creature far and near,
 Let's be good, and glad, and loving,
 Every day of all this year.

♥♥ DEAR LITTLE FRIENDS ♥♥

Now you have read that little verse just above the beginning of this letter. I wish you would learn it by HEART. When I say, "Learn it by Heart," I mean exactly that. It is one thing just to remember words with our heads, and quite another to learn with our Hearts. The Heart lives by its learning; the Head uses its learning only when convenient.

The New-Year is here. I want you children to know the meaning of a NEW-YEAR deep down in your hearts. I want you to feel how wonderful it is to have the gift of a New-Year. It is a gift, for here we have it to-day. It is given to us just as much as books and toys and other beautiful things.

WHY IS THE NEW-YEAR GIVEN TO US?

To tell our hearts that it is NEW and bright and unspoiled; that it is a NEW DAY for a NEW LIFE, new happiness, and new usefulness; and that no matter what has gone before, this New day looks only ahead, and never behind.