

"New Year's Waltz"
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Once in a century we get the chance
To live through a year that ends up in a dance.
12-31-23 is the date,
That's how it's written, but listen, just wait:
Take out the slashes and dashes and see
The numbers alone, 1-2-3 1-2-3.
One-two-three, one-two-three, that's how it ends.
One-two-three, one-two-three, family and friends,
May we be forgiven for all of our faults
And start off anew with a New Year's Eve waltz.
The old year is ending, a new one begins,
Time to consider ours losses and wins.
Could we have been kinder, our words less severe?
Could we have done more? Well there's always next year.
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One-two-three, one-two-three, family and friends,
May we be forgiven for all of our faults
And start off anew with a New Year's Eve waltz.
May there be health and money--enough to get by,
Of love and affection, an endless supply.
May there be no more hunger and be no more war,
May we be here to see 1-2/3-1/2-4.
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