

Across the shades of night

mf F F/D F/C Bb C F

1. A - cross the sky the shades of night this New Year's Eve are flee - ting.
 We deck Thine al - tar, Lord, with light, in so - lemn wor - ship mee - ting;
 2. Be - fore the cross sub - dued we bow, to Thee our pra - yers ad - dres - sing,
 re - coun - ting all Thy mer - cies now, and all our sins con - fes - sing;
 3. And while we pray, we lift our eyes to dear ones gone be - fore us,
 safe home with Thee in pa - ra - dise, whose peace de - scen - deth o'er us;
 4. We ga - ther up in this brief hour the me - mory of Thy mer - cies:
 Thy won - drous good - ness, love, and pow'r our grate - ful song re - hear - ses;
 5. In many an hour when fear and dread, like e - vil spells, have bound us
 and clouds were ga - th'ring o - ver - head, Thy pro - vi - dence hath found us.
 6. Then, o great God, in years to come, what - e - ver may be - tide us,
 right on - ward through our jour - ney home be Thou at hand to guide us;

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1. A - cross the shades this new year's flee - ting.
 We deck our Lord in so - cial mee - ting.
 2. Be - fore sub - dued to Thee ad - dres - sing,
 re - count the mere and all con - fes - sing.
 3. And while we lift to hear be - fore us:
 Safe home? Im - pair? No peace! Death o'er us!
 4. We gath' - ring this, a - men, Thy mer - cies:
 Thy won - ders love, our great re - hear - ses.
 5. A - men, when fear like e - ve bound us,
 and loud: Thy pro - vi - dence hath found us.
 6. Then, o, in Yours, what - ev'r be - tide us,
 ride on our jour - ney, Thou, to guide us!

F Gm7 Gm7/D C F F/D Bb F/C Bb C7 F

And as the year's last hours go by, we raise to Thee our ear - nest cry, once more Thy love en - trea - ting.
 be - see - ching Thee this co - ming year to keep us in Thy faith and fear and crown us with Thy bles - sing.
 and beg of Thee, when life is past, to re - u - nite us all at last with those who've gone be - fore us.
 for Thou hast been our strength and stay in ma - ny'a dark and drea - ry day of sor - row and re - ver - ses.
 In many a night when seas ran high, Thy gra - cious pre - sence, dra - wing nigh, hath made all calm a - round us.
 nor leave us till at close of life safe from all pe - rils, toil, and strife, heav'n shall en - fold and hide us.

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And as the year's last hours go by, we raise to hear once more Thy love en - trea - ting.
 Be - see - ching Thee this co - ming year to keep Thy faith and crown us with Thy bles - sing.
 And beg of Thee, when life is past, to rise us all with those who've gone be - fore us.
 For Thou hast been our strength. And stay in my bend dream of sor - row and re - ver - ses.
 In many a night when seas ran high: Thy pat - ience draw ings made all calm a - round us.
 Nor leave us till at close of life, safe from ill soil heav'n shall en - fold and hide us.