What shall I wish you?
Treasures of earth?
Songs in the springtime?
Pleasures and mirth?
Flowers on your pathway,
Skies ever clear?
Would this ensure you
A happy new year?

What shall I wish you?
What can be found
Bringing you sunshine
All the year round?
Where is the treasure,
Lasting and dear,
That shall ensure you
A happy new year?

Faith that increases,
Walking in light;
Hope that’s abounding,
Happy and bright;
Love that is perfect,
Casting out fear;
These shall ensure you
A happy new year.

It’s not possible for you to change yourself, but it’s possible for God to change you by the miracle-working power of His Spirit. He’ll do things you can’t do!

This is what it means to “become a new creature in Christ Jesus” (2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV). (A modern translation, The Living Bible, says, “When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!”) Jesus coming into your life not only renews and purifies and regenerates your spirit, but it also renews your mind, literally breaking old connections and reflexes and gradually rebuilding and rewiring it into a whole new computer system with a different outlook on life and a new way of looking at the world, with new reactions to nearly everything around you.

But it’s impossible for you to make this change yourself. If you want this change, it’s necessary for you to ask Jesus to help. Some changes are instantaneous, others take awhile.—But if you ask Him for help and do your part, you’ll be changed, because Jesus changes people!—David Brandt Berg

—Francis Ridley Havergal, adapted