

THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE YEAR

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So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Psalm 90:12

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1. While with cease-less course the sun Hast-ed through the for-mer year,
2. As the wing-ed ar-row flies Speed-i-ly the mark to find,
3. Thanks for mer-cies past re-ceive; Par-don of our sins re-new;

Ma-n-y souls their race have run, Nev-er more to meet us here:
As the light-ning from the skies Darts, and leaves no trace be-hind,
Teach us hence-forth how to live With e-ter-ni-ty in view;

Fixed in an e-ter-nal state, They have done with all be-low;
Swift-ly thus our fleet-ing days Bear us down life's rap-id stream;
Bless thy Word to young and old; Fill us with a Sav-iour's love;

We a lit-tle lon-ger wait, But how lit-tle none can know.
Up-ward, Lord, our spir-its raise, All be-low is but a dream.
And when life's short tale is told, May we dwell with thee a-bove. A-MEN.

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