

Cliza Flower Songs of the Months

Musical Garland (1834)

January

A Chime for the New Year Sarah Flower Adams

VERSE 1

He looks but coldly upon us now;

Yet is he kind:

He has blessings beneath his cloak of snow,

As we shall find:

The tiny spears that yet have power To guard the glowing crocus flower,

And the snow-drop fair-

(That living pearl in its mount of green, The Spring's own delicate virgin queen)

Are treasured there.

CHORUS

Hither, hither, come all, and bring, come all and bring To the year's first born a welcoming, Bring to the year's first born a welcoming.

VERSE 2

He smiles – though faintly the sunshine gleam, 'Tis sunshine still;

Though no more in liquid music stream,

The gurgling rill;

There's a hurried gush that is borne along, From the robin's throat sweet fount of song, So fresh, so clear.

O light and music, we well can bear The falling snow and the chilly air,

If you are here!

CHORUS

Hither, hither, come all, and bring, come all and bring To the year's first born a welcoming, Bring to the year's first born a welcoming.



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