

We pause at each year's ending

(A hymn for the Millennium)

YEAR'S END (7.8.9.8)

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Unison

The musical score is written for piano and voice in unison. It consists of three systems of music. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with a treble and bass clef, a common time signature, and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and contemplative. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system concludes the piece with a final chord and a double bar line.

1. We pause at each year's ending;
Shall we continue as before
When there's so much that needs amending?
Can we not trust God's mercy more?
2. Ten years - there's no escaping
The unrelenting march of time;
Now we can see life's pattern shaping
For good or ill, sad or sublime.
3. A hundred years have ended:
The lifespan of our oldest few.
With birth and death both comprehended,
Our lives we dedicate anew.
4. A thousand years are over.
Amazing change the world has seen!
But still our God, the great Jehovah,
Is with us and has always been.
5. Once more our world is turning;
Two thousand years of hist'ry gone.
Faced with the new, we go on learning
From him through whom God's myst'ry shone.
6. Time now for sober thinking:
The thousand years just passed away
Are in God's sight the merest blinking,
Eternal life in ev'ry day.