

Another Year Completed  
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Another year completed,  
The day comes round once more  
Which with our patron's radiance  
Is bright as heretofore.  
Now, strong in hope, united  
His festival we greet;  
He will present our troubles  
Before the mercy-seat.

The Scriptures tell how Moses  
Did for the people pray,  
Appeased the Judge eternal,  
And turned His wrath away;  
Elijah's prayer had power,  
To close and open Heav'n;  
Such saints as were aforesaid,  
Such saints to us are giv'n.

O saint of God, beloved,  
And placed on His right hand,  
Thy prayers be like a rampart  
As 'gainst the foe we stand;  
For Abraham's God is thy God,  
And Isaac's God is thine,  
Thine is the God of Jacob,  
The Lord of power benign.

For forty years His Israel  
He fed with angels' food;  
The flinty rock He opened  
The streams of water flowed.  
Entreat that Christ His people  
May lead to victory:  
The God of Joshua's triumph  
The Lord thy God is He.