

AULD LANG SYNE

There is a long and complicated history behind this perennial New Year's Eve favorite. The words as we know them today were first printed about 1796 although the music can be traced back more than 100 years before that date. The melody has probably undergone enough transformations and evolved long enough to qualify as a genuine folk melody, although a number of composers seem to have been loosely associated with it. The words that we enjoy singing today may have been written by the famous Scottish poet, Robert Burns.

Whatever the origin and evolution of the song, it's one that's sung by everyone at least once a year, and it offers enough opportunity for close harmony to warrant inclusion in this collection, if only for the sake of "Auld Lang Syne."

Words attributed to **ROBERT BURNS**
(1759-1796)

Traditional Scotch Air (Popular Version)

VERSE:

Should auld ac - quaint - ance be for - got and
nev - er brought to mind? Should auld ac - quaint - ance

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be for - got and days of auld lang syne? For

CHORUS:

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8
auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang

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8
syne;
auld lang syne; We'll take a cup o' kind - ness yet for

15
8
auld lang syne. For take a cup o'

18
8
kind - ness yet, for auld lang syne.