



For Auld Lang Syne

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
and auld lang syne?*

*For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll drink a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.*

I've always loved this song. Its simplicity, its familiarity, its symbolism. Sure, it's soaked with sentimentality, but it's also punctuated with a longing that we can all relate to. A longing for the good times and for old friends that have drifted into the distance. I think of it as honoring the past while trumpeting the future.

Auld Lang Syne is a Scots language poem written by Robert Burns in the late 18th Century and set to a traditional folk melody. It is one of the most recognizable songs around the world and is sung to commemorate both endings and new beginnings. Funerals, retirements, last call, and, of course, New Year's Eve. In Japan, they play the melody to alert shoppers that the store is closing.

"For auld lang syne" roughly translates as "for old time's sake." Perhaps one last song for the road. One more cup of coffee.

One more round. One more moment before time takes us along.

Happy New Year from all of us at *The Docket!* 🍷

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