

## January 26

With midnight chimes and fireworks, the new year has begun  
The first page on the calendar, a new book - chapter one  
Its many opportunities just waiting to be found  
Like daffodils and snowdrops still sleeping in the ground

Ice and snow surround us, and only while it lasts  
Snowscapes hold us spellbound, but snow is melting fast  
With longer hours of daylight, we look for bluer skies  
With warmth and light now growing, our spirits start to rise

The year is inching forward on its journey to the Spring  
The regular renewal so much energy to bring  
Shoots and buds are everywhere as new life stirs and grows  
The cycle ever turning through all life's highs and lows

But the world is such a troubled place as five turns into six  
So many conflicts here and there that will take time to fix  
Some will say " 'twas ever thus" and that may well be true  
But strive to fix them still we must for peace to rule anew.

