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Editor's Note: Any of you who attended the Jazz Vespers on February 8th may recognize the poem below by Amanda Gorman, read wonderfully by Janice. Amanda Gorman, National Youth Poet Laureate recited another of her poems "The Hill We Climb" at President Joe Biden's inauguration. This poem is filled with Hope and we wanted to share this with you all. R&L

New Day's Lyric

May this be the day
We come together.
Mourning, we come to mend,
Withered, we come to weather,
Torn, we come to tend,
Battered, we come to better.
Tethered by this year of yearning,
We are learning
That though we weren't ready for this,
We have been readied by it.
We steadily vow that no matter
How we are weighed down,
We must always pave a way forward.

This hope is our door, our portal.
Even if we never get back to normal,
Someday we can venture beyond it,
To leave the known and take the first steps.
So let us not return to what was normal,
But reach toward what is next.

What was cursed, we will cure.
What was plagued, we will prove pure.
Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree,
Those fortunes we forswore, now the future we
foresee,
Where we weren't aware, we're now awake;
And our hearts, once altogether beaten,
Now all together beat.

Those moments we missed
Are now these moments we make,
The moments we meet,
Come, look up with kindness yet,
For even solace can be sourced from sorrow.
We remember, not just for the sake of yesterday,
But to take on tomorrow.

We heed this old spirit,
In a new day's lyric,
In our hearts, we hear it:
For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne.
Be bold, sang Time this year,
Be bold, sang Time,
For when you honor yesterday,
Tomorrow ye will find.
Know what we've fought
Need not be forgot nor for none.
It defines us, binds us as one,
Come over, join this day just begun.
For wherever we come together,
We will forever overcome.

Amanda Gorman
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBREVCT44J4>

*"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place.
We welcome and include everyone into congregational life."*