

New Year Poem

1st January 2016

The calendar flips
A new year arrives
We still look above
To the marvelous skies

A message you'd want
From powers beyond
News of good change
From a magical wand

A story we'll tell
Inside poetry boxed
It will be easy to read
With a pair of clean socks

Once came a traveler
In a ship long and sleek
To pierce the white clouds
And frighten the meek

Silver it was
Colored lights all around
It was as swift as the wind
But did not make a sound

It landed one day
Far from the base
Of government work
Where no one saved face

The locals came quick
And gathered around
Not too close by
And holding their ground

A hatch opened wide
A ladder descended
Out came a pride
Of beings suspended

Nobody watching
Had a name for this sight
Some ran away
In a terrible fright

The ones who remained
Saw patience rewarded
The arrivals spoke slowly
To not be distorted

Hello they did say
Waving six finger hands
Using both in a way
Like taught rubber bands

Legs they all had
Tall were they too
Their heads were on top
Their eyes a bit blue

They spoke like machines
Their voices quite soft
But when taken together
Nothing was lost

A choir that speaks
Instead of a song
Takes practice all knew
It must have been long

Here's what they said
With mechanical speech
Addressing the crown
As individuals each

*"We come as your friends
We hope to help much
Ideas we shall offer
For improvement and such*

*We know we seem strange
Understand you do, too
We are not of broad range
Our looks are but few"*

They wore long white robes
No seams or enclosures
Reaching the ground
To limit exposure

Their feet were not seen
But hands well exposed
Their necks were quite long
Their faces composed

They spoke at great length
And told of their journey
But had to go home
To avoid any worry

The visit was quick
To return the next day
To their home in the sky
Back the same way

They'll come back tomorrow
To speak once again
Continuing to chat
Like an old and good friend

The people who stayed
And listened at length
Set aside all their fear
Gaining new strength

They went to the press
To be told they were kooks
And to make no more mess
With stories of spooks

The visitors said
This reaction there'd be
Don't worry the least
Believe what you see

The next day came quick
The silver appeared
Landing again
Just as some feared

The doubtful were there
Curiosity piqued
They could not admit
Their belief had been tweaked

The white robes came out
Eyes blue as before
They spoke well again
Explaining some more

*"Thoughts are our speech
No words we prefer
We humor you now
We to your habits defer*

*By request we have come
You remember it not
To salute what you have
Not jump in your pot*

*Alone some believe
Earth life has since been
But cousins you have
Let our meeting begin*

*Watch you we have
Long and for much
Understanding you gain
We see such and such*

*Errors are not
Part of your play
Learn you do well
With each dawning day*

*Away we shall go
Far out in deep space
Your life will go on
You choose your own pace*

*To see we're together
As galaxial friends
Shows you need not*

Consider amends

*Nothing is broken
Nothing to fix
Words you have spoken
Are often just tricks*

*Offer your thoughts
Listen for answers
Your mind will learn fast
Like good ballroom dancers*

*When this comes to pass
Deceit will be gone
Truth will prevail
In speech and in song*

*This seed once well planted
Your gardens renewed
Means our task is completed
Your progress pursued*

*We come not to solve
Or change what you choose
You remain in control
Of events and your news*

*Knowledge of choice
Understanding the course
Will allow many paths
For humanity's horse*

*What you might not see now
Or if it at all
It's there just the same
Right down the hall*

*Light on your target
And bright on that spot
Means love awaits all
Doubt there is not*

*We bid you adieu
And say now farewell
To allow other friends
A ring of your bell*

*Welcome them calmly
On the head of a thimble
Ideas they will show
Mean yes they are nimble*

*Help you have been
To our people's advance
Explain it much later
We'll do as we dance*

Thank you we offer

*To all who have listened
Our friendship now made
Our future so christened"*

The silver rose fast
Into gray skies
In a flash they were gone
Beyond any eyes

What was the reason?
The people did ask
What awaits us
As this new task?

What did this mean?
What did it cause?
Would everything known
Now take a pause?

Has life become different?
Are we to shift course?
Will it be done simply
Or imposed by great force?

Answers were not coming
To the flood of great questions
Drowning observers
At the visit's mere mention

Disbelief in the land
But except among few
Once seated in center
Of an alien pew

Ideas flowed along
And were put into practice
The skeptics were many
Like a old thorny **cactus**

Believers were pricked and
Stuck with the needles
Of a skeptical press
Almost making them feeble

Soon something happened
A new device did function
No explanation was given
To withdraw doubt's injunction

Others who looked
To see what and why
Were told the good story
That it came from the sky

The thing they had built
Worked as was planned
Did what they wanted
Even unmanned

Belief spread around
Into cracks and some corners
The device could be touched
Despite many scorers

Soon came more visits
Different were they
Unique and as different
As parsley and hay

Their looks were strange, too
Their ships not the same
Their thoughts were congruent
With sharp and quick aim

Earth soon discovered
It lives in a group
Among planets and people
Like outer space soup

We saw course corrections
Alternative ways
To reach destinations
To mean what we say

The past once in focus
Makes futures look sharp
New things us await
Underneath a large tarp

We'll pull back the corners
Lift up the edges
Look underneath
And see unknown hedges

Life will advance
With choices abundant
Our usual behavior
Will be just redundant

Too bad it's not now
Or only next week
But soon it will rub
Upon everyone's cheek

When that does happen
When we see that much more
We'll then understand
We've found Heaven's door!