

# Tar Barrel in Dale

(words & music by George Unthank, arr LP – ignore time signature and sing in free style)

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1/The old year out, The New Year in,  
Please won't you let the lucky bird in  
With bottle in hand and a piece of black coal,  
A stranger's a friend when first-footing you go

2/At midnight's approach  
the band you can hear  
The fiery procession of guisers draws near  
With friends and good company,  
with voices so clear,  
Singing in harmony, bringing in the New Year

3/Off the heads of the guisers  
blazing barrels are hurled  
On to the bonfire; smoke, sparks & flames swell  
Amidst cheers and rejoicing,  
the rites of Old Father Time,  
We'll link arms together, sing Auld Lang Syne

4/Throughout the year when we sing this song  
Old friends and new friends all sing along  
May good fortune be with you,  
from all sorrows refrain  
Till that happy time when we all meet again

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