



*Astley church and rectory in 1839*

## An Old Hymn for a New Year

*(written by a renowned poet who  
just happened to grow up as a  
small-town pastor's kid!)*

Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,  
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;  
Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;  
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;  
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;  
Another year of training for holier work above.  
Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,  
On earth or else in Heaven, another year for Thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1874)

*Renowned hymnwriter Frances was born in 1836 in Astley, Worcestershire, England, where her dad was rector of the local parish church. If you don't know this hymn, here are some of hers that you probably do!*

- ✧ *Take My Life and Let It Be*
- ✧ *Like a River Glorious*
- ✧ *Who Is on the Lord's Side?*
- ✧ *I Gave My Life for Thee*
- ✧ *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*
- ✧ *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*



*Astley today*