

Auld Lang Syne

Setting: New Year's Eve at the Chestnut Campus, a senior residence.

Characters:

Lorraine

Cheryl

Art

Herb

Lorraine: Here we are. It's five minutes before midnight, and we're about to welcome in another new year. Isn't this exciting!

Cheryl: Yes, it is! But don't these New Year celebrations seem to come around faster than they used to?

Art: They sure do! Seems like only a few months since last New Year's Eve.

Herb: Fast or not, the new year makes us start looking forward to what's ahead.

Lorraine: That's why I love it. It makes me think about the mystery of the unknown. What people will I meet? Who's going to come see me? What letters will I get?

Art: I think of those things, too. But then I try to remember how I spent all those other New Year's Eves and who I spent them with. Some I remember as clearly as yesterday. The not-so-special ones just faded away.

Lorraine: Let's face it—some years were better than others for all of us. And some of the people we knew were more memorable than others.

Cheryl: One thing I do remember clearly is that I've always made resolutions. Call me silly, but I'll always do it.

Herb: That's not silly; we all make resolutions. But if you think it's silly, then why do you do it?

Cheryl: Oh, I figure if I can follow through with a resolution, it'll make me feel proud of myself.