

In This New Year

(Sounding key of F major)

F Bb/D C/E F Bb/D C/E

F Bb/D C/E
Rain and snow fall softly in a silent blend

F Bb/D C/E
A new year falls upon this gathering of friends

Bb/D C/E
And we sing Auld Lang Syne

F Bb/D C/E
We sit and laugh at our respective resolutions

F Bb/D C/E
We'll change our weight, change our habits, change our fortunes

Bb Bb/A Bb/G F
But we all know that there are greater things that need to change

Bb Bb/A Bb/G F
But we push them all aside and say they're way beyond our range

Bb/G Bb/A Bb
We analyze the problems, but still everything's the same

Dbdim Csus
But who's to know the good that could be done

Csus F Bb/D C/E
If we'd become Instruments of Peace

F Bb/D C/E
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F Bb/D C/E
Now this war invades our hurried daily lives

F Bb/D C/E
Pandora's box has opened, spilling hate and battle cries

Bb Bb/A Bb/G F
And as we pledge allegiance and we speak of love and tolerance

Bb Bb/A Bb/G F
Our politicians market war as just preemptive self-defense

Bb/G Bb/A Bb
 And if I disagree I might be charged with lack of common sense
Dbdim Csus
 But I think all the battles could be won
Csus F Bb/D C/E
 If we'd become Instruments of Peace
F Bb/DC/E
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F Bb/D C/E
 Somehow we've all learned to play this modern game
F Bb/D C/E
 To criticize and find somewhere else to place the blame
Bb Bb/A Bb/G F
 And in our land of opportunity we feel this great distress
Bb Bb/A Bb/G F
 When things don't measure up to our perceived entitlements
Bb Bb/A Bb/G F
 But somehow we must try to turn our gaze around
Bb/G Bb/A Bb
 And look first deep within ourselves for that fertile ground
Dbdim Csus
 Where we plant the seeds of change and come to see
Csus F Bb/D C/E
 That we can be Instruments of Peace
F Bb/DC/E F Bb/D C/E F
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