

New Year's in Scotland Eve

In Scotland, the New Year celebrations are as important as those for Christmas. New Year's Eve is called Hogmanay and it is celebrated with bonfires and feasts. The word Hogmanay derives from a kind of oat cake that was traditionally given to children on New Year's Eve. It is believed that the first person, "first-footer", to enter a house after midnight brings good luck to the people living in the house; but only if he is a dark-haired, good-looking stranger carrying the traditional gifts of coal, bread, a pinch of salt and an evergreen twig. This tradition is known as "first-footing".

AULD LANG SYNE



1. Should auld ac-quin-tance be for-got And
ne-ver brought to mind? Should auld ac-quin-tance
Chorus
be for-got And days of auld lang syne? For
auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang
syne, We'll take a cup of kind-ness yet, For
auld lang syne!

Auld Lang Syne is the most popular New Year's song. It is sung at midnight!