

A Fearful Pilgrim Hesitates at New Year's Door, in verse  
About 2 minutes, based on Prov. 3:5: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding."

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is for all to take part, not to perform*)

Timekeeper

Pilgrim.

Prompter Shouts a phrase and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes All others who want to take part are Echoes. They need no script.

Timekeeper I am called Father Time, and I open the gate  
That will lead to next year, and I never am late.

Prompter & Echoes He never delays!

Timekeeper This old hourglass I've turned, that I keep by the door  
All three sixty-five\* times, every day's twenty-four.  
Now, a Pilgrim has stopped, and he checks today's date.  
He now looks at his watch, as he fears next year's fate!  
Do not pause, timid Pilgrim! Come enter next year.  
If you trust in the Lord, then there's nothing to fear!

Prompter & Echoes Don't be afraid!

Pilgrim But it's dark; the unknown always fills me with dread.  
Can you loan me a light, so I'll see where to tread?

Timekeeper Simply take Jesus' hand, not a light I'd provide.  
Do not fear what's ahead; our dear Lord is your Guide

Prompter & Echoes Our Lord is your Guide!

Pilgrim Then in case I go on, and I do not turn back.  
Can you say what will be, if a light I should lack?

Timekeeper You are never to worry about how you'll fare.  
Since tomorrow depends on today's faithful prayer.

Pilgrim You have stirred my weak faith with a hope that's sublime.  
I will walk on with Christ just one step at a time.

Prompter & Echoes One step at a time!

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\* *Three sixty six* if it is Leap Year