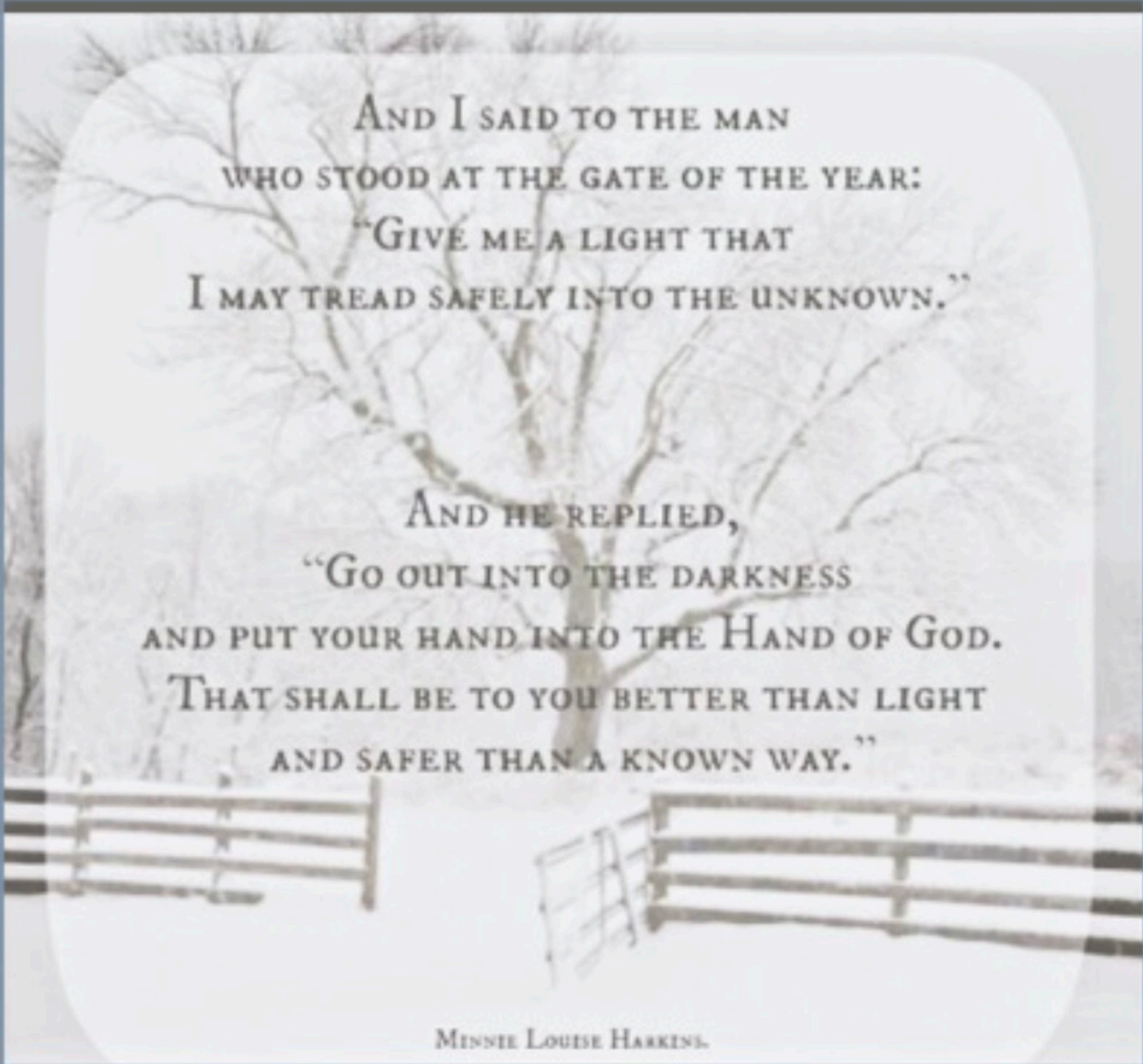


The Gate of the Year



AND I SAID TO THE MAN
WHO STOOD AT THE GATE OF THE YEAR:
“GIVE ME A LIGHT THAT
I MAY TREAD SAFELY INTO THE UNKNOWN.”

AND HE REPLIED,
“GO OUT INTO THE DARKNESS
AND PUT YOUR HAND INTO THE HAND OF GOD.
THAT SHALL BE TO YOU BETTER THAN LIGHT
AND SAFER THAN A KNOWN WAY.”

MINNIE LOUISE HASKINS.

This poem was written by Minnie Louise Haskins, a British poet, in 1906. To her surprise when King George VI gave his Royal Christmas Message in 1939 (the Kings Speech) he summed up the coming year by reciting this poem.

It was a time of great uncertainty and many people were fearful and apprehensive about the future.

Today many people share these feelings.

Perhaps if we were to give advice for this New Year, this poem would be very appropriate.