

# **Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 347: Ring out the Old, Ring in the New and Doaa Tandoorasti**

Hello all Tele Class friends:

## **Ring Out the Old, Ring in The New!**

Tomorrow, we will ring in the 2020 New Year in the New Decade. With that in mind, let us remember that famous poem by the very famous Poet Laureate Alfred Lord Tennyson!

"**Ring Out, Wild Bells**" is a poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson ([please see his portrait in the attached file](#)). Published in 1850, the year he was appointed Poet Laureate, it forms part of *In Memoriam*, Tennyson's elegy to Arthur Henry Hallam, his sister's fiancé who died at the age of twenty-two.

According to a story widely held in Waltham Abbey and repeated on many websites, the 'wild bells' in question were the bells of the Abbey Church. According to the local story, Tennyson was staying at High Beach in the vicinity and heard the bells being rung on New Year's Eve.

It is an accepted English custom to ring English Full circle bells to ring out the old year and ring in the new year over midnight on New Year's Eve. Sometimes the bells are rung half-muffled for the death of the old year, then the muffles are removed to ring without muffling to mark the birth of the new year.

So, let us present the first three verses of this beautiful poem:

**Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.**

**Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.**

**Ring out the grief that saps the mind, For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.**

These are some beautiful words to let go the old year and bring in the New Year with hope and good wishes!

Jo Ann and I wish you a very Happy and Healthy 2020 New Year!

## **Last Part of Doaa Tandoorasti!**

Then for this New Year, let us wish all "Tandoorasti" – Good Health, using the last part of our Doaa Tandoorasti prayer.

[\(Please hear the attached .mp3 file for its recitation\)](#)

Baa farzandaan, hazaar saal der bedaar,  
shaad bedaar, tan-dorost bedaar;  
aedun bedaar.

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Bar sare arzaaniyaan, saalhaae besyaar,  
va karanhaae bishumaar,  
baaki va paayandeh daa;  
hazaaran hazaar aafrin baad,

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Saal khojasteh baad;  
roz farrokh baad,  
maah mubaarak baad!

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Chand saal, chand roz, chand maah,  
besyaar saal arzaanidaar,  
yazashnay va niaaeshnay  
va raadi va zor barashnay.

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Ashahidaar avaray hamaa kaaro  
kerfehaa;

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Tandorosti baad, neki baad, khub baad;

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aedun baad, aeduntaraz baad!

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Pa yazdaan va Ameshaaspandaan  
kaamay baad.

Together with their descendants, for thousand years, keep them forever, keep them cheerful and keep them healthy.

Keep them according to our above wish!

Over the leadership of the good and worthy men, may you keep permanent rule for many years and for boundless period!

May there be a thousand blessings!

May the year be auspicious!

May the day be fortunate!

May the month be auspicious!

May you keep us worthy in performing the worship and invocation and charity and in offering libations

for several years, several days, and several months;

for many years!

May you keep righteousness

over all actions and meritorious deeds!

May there be health unto us!

May there be goodness unto us!

May there be excellence unto us!

May it be so! May it be more so!

May our wish be in accordance with the wishes of the Yazatas (angels) and the Ameshaashpands!

## **SPD Explanation:**

1. Alfred Lord Tennyson was a very famous and liked poet during the reign of Queen Victoria. He wrote many a famous poem like The Charge of the Light Brigade, In Memorium, etc.
2. Doaa Tandoorasti is a wonderful little prayer for wishing good health to all. It is the last prayer we are supposed to pray after our Daily Farajyaat Prayers.

**May the Flame of Fellowship, Love, Charity and Respect for all burn ever eternal in our hearts so we can do HIS work with humility, diligence and eternal enthusiasm!**

**In HIS service 24/7!**

**Atha Jamyaat, Yatha Aafrinaamahi! (May it be so as we wish!)**

Love and Tandoorasti, Soli

*Portrait of Lord Alfred Tennyson by John Everett Millais*

