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PART FIRST.

It is New-Year's Eve. "Old Father Time" appears, to remind the "Old Year," who is still sitting on his throne, that his race is almost run, and, pointing to the lessenwho is still sitting on his throne, that his race is almost run, and, pointing to the lessening sands of his hour-glass, calls on him to give an account of the moments which were allotted him. The "Old Year," in reply, summons the Four Seasons, and his twelve daughters, the Twelve months, to his presence, requesting them to answer for themselves. "Spring," "Summer," "Autumn," and "Winter," attended by their sprites, and the different Months they control enter now, each in her turn, addressing "Father Time." After "Winter's" address, the "Old Year," in order to lengthen out his moments, asks "Father Time" to stay a little while longer, saying "the Four Seasons, with his twelve daughters, would entertain him with picture scenes from their experience." "Time" reluctantly consents, and the "Old Year" bids the Four Seasons and the Twelve Months go and prepare the entertainment.

PART SECOND.

"Spring," attended by "Zephyr" and "Dewdrop," enters, and announces to "Time" that the picture is prepared for him, and bids her attendants open the inner curtain, disclosing the Tableau: "Crowning of the May Queen." As soon as the Chorus from the Tableau is ended, "Spring" and attendants retire. "Time," when asked by the "Old Year" if the scene has pleased him, replies, "that it is pretty, but wishes to know if sport is the end and aim of life."

"Summer," attended by "Sunshine" and "Rainbow" now enters. At the command of "Summer" her attendants open the inner curtain, disclosing the Tableau: "A Summer Picnic." The "Old Year" again challenges the admiration of his guest, but "Time" replies "that moments passed in slothful case and enjoyment are not at all profitably spent, and intimates a hope, that as one half of the year has been wasted, the remainder may give evidence of a more profitable disposition of its moments."

"Autumn," attended by "Jack Frost" and "Cloud," enters, and at the command of "Autumn," attended by "Jack Frost" and "Cloud," enters, and at the command of "Autumn," they open the inner curtain, disclosing the tableau: "A Harvest Scene." The "Old Year" questions his guest. "Time" replies in a somewhat better satisfied manner, "that certainly industry is more commendable than sloth, and a proper provision for necessities more desirable than wasteful pleasure, but still he considers time spent in a selfish seeking after one's own good as part wasted."

"Winter," attended by "Snow" and "Sleet," enters, and at "Winter's" command, they open the inner curtain, presenting the Tableau, "The Star of the East." A group of Shepherdesses, who have arisen from their seats on the floor, stand in various attitudes, gazing in amazement and wonder, singing the hymn, "Glory to God in the highest."

"Time" at last expresses his satisfaction that some of the precious moments of Lis gift to the "Old Year" have been rightly spent, but reminds him that the sands are sinking fast, and bids him prepare to yeld his thr

PART THIRD.

The Four Seasons, with their respective attendants, and the different Months they The Four Seasons, with their respective attendants, and the different Months they control, enter in slow procession, and as soon as all are in their proper positions, they sing a "Farewell Chorus to the "Old Year." "Time" now requests the "Old Year" to yield his throne to his successor, who is, during this address, escorted on the stage by "Christmas" and "Santa Claus." The clock strikes twelve, at which moment "Time" removes the "Old Year" from the throne, places the "Young Year" on it and crowns him. "Time" and the "Old Year" now walk slowly off the stage, while the remaining characters sing a "Welcome Chorus" to the "Young Year."

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