

New Year's Resolutions

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Sue	Joe	George
Mabel	Ruth	Jim
Jean	Mother	

Sue	Hello, friends! It's New Year's Day. So listen, now, to what I say. To free my teeth from cavities, My resolution, if you please, <i>Is no more candy will I eat.</i> For tooth decay is caused by sweets.
Joe	A dandy resolution, Sue. I've made a resolution, too. To my little sister, Jean, I vow that I won't be so mean. She's a little pest, I find. But to her I will be kind.
George	I really wasn't going to tell. But I, George, made a vow as well. As you all know, when I'm "up tight," I'm very quick to start a fight. From now on, George will grin instead. So just remember what I said.
Mabel	Well, I declare, it's very strange. <i>All</i> of us are trying to change. Now I'm the king who's apt to shirk My household chores - that sort of work. So no more "goofing off" for me. A different girl I'm going to be.

Sue	Resolutions are fun to make, But very easy vows to break.
Joe	I'll truly try to do my best, Though my sister Jean's a pest.
George	You can bet your bottom dollar That this year I won't fight and holler!
Sue	On candy I will never nibble!
Mabel	About my chores I will not quibble!
All	(raise right hands) Here and now this oath we take Our resolutions <i>we won't break!</i>
Ruth	Hi there, buddies, want some candy? The peanut taffy's really dandy.
George	Thank you, Ruth, we surely do. It's very generous of you.
Sue	None for me. No thank you, Ruth. I don't eat candy. That's the truth.
Ruth	I wish that I could stay and play. But my folks and I are going away.
Joe	You kept your vow! Hey, good for you!
Sue	'Twas not an easy thing to do.
Jim	Georgie-Porgie puddin' pie, Kissed the girls and made them cry, Yah, yah, yah. Yi, yi, yi. Kissed the girls and made them cry.
George	Go home, Jim, and tease your pup. You won't get my dander up. I've better things to do than punch. And you do, too, I have a hunch.
Jim	George is different, I take note. I always used to get his goat. Now teasing him's no fun at all. Well, so long kids. Don't drop the ball.

Mabel	That Jim's a bully type, all right. But, <i>George</i> , we're proud you didn't fight.
George	I'm glad I kept my vow, I s'pose. But how I longed to punch his nose!
Jean	May I play football? May I, Joe? You know how I love it so! At playing football I'm not good. But, <i>gee</i> , I wish you'd say I could!
Joe	I think we'll let you join us, sis. When your turn comes, try not to miss. But if you do, we want no crying. Just keep on practicing and trying.
Jean	Oh, thank you, Joe! I bet a cracker I'll soon play like a Green Bay Packer!
Sue	You've been kind, Joe. You vowed you would.
Joe	I really wasn't sure I could!
Mother	Mabel!!
George	That's you mother calling, Mabel.
Mabel	I know. It's time to set the table. I'd like to put it off awhile. But I'll go do it with a smile! <i>Postponing</i> work is no solution, When you've made a resolution.
Sue	Have you noticed, noticed how Each of us has kept his vow?
Joe	But that's <i>one</i> day, Somehow, I fear, We just can't keep it up all year.
George	We'll take it one step at a time, Like a hill we're going to climb.
Sue	We've kept <i>one</i> day. Tomorrow's another. We can succeed. We'll help each other. We'll learn to be so strong. We'll keep our vows the whole year long!

Mabel	We can succeed, I'm sure we can. Let's take our solemn oath again. I have to hurry, understand. So please raise quickly your right hand.
Sue George Mabel Joe	(raise right hands and speak solemnly): Here and now, this oath we take. Our resolutions we won't break!