

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.”

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

Minnie Louise Haskins' famous lines on "the gate of the year" was used at George VI's 1939 Christmas broadcast and became a favourite of Gerard's.