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LibriVox volunteers bring you 7 recordings of *New Year Greeting* by Louise R. Waite. This was the Weekly Poetry project for March 21st, 2010. The 21st of March is the ancient Persian festival of Naw-Rúz, also spelled “Noruz” (New Day) which is the Iranian and Zoroastrian New Year’s Day. Naw-Rúz is also a Bahá’í holy day and the Baha’i New Year. Louise R. Waite (nee Spencer) was a Bahá’í poet and song writer. She wrote this poem, entitled “New Year Greeting”, for Naw-Rúz, which appeared in the Bahai Bulletin, Vol. 1. January-February-March, 1909, No. 5. According to an article which appeared in the same issue of the Bahai Bulletin: “Each Prophet or Manifestation of God, when he comes to the world, founds a new dispensation, a new time, for his followers.... To-day those who believe in Baha’u’llah, are establishing the Bahai time. It establishes a new method of reckoning... The New Year begins on the twenty-first of March, in accord with the teachings of our Revelator...”For more information on the Bahá’í Faith, please visit [bahai.org](http://bahai.org)

Total running time: 16:28.

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