



A New Millennium

Characters: Headmistress, Miss Ho, Miss Perkins, Daisy Ms Anita Li Bin, Alysha, Emily, Big Dollar, Hammer, Ted, Ricky

Synopsis: It is the first day of the new millennium. First everyone gives new year greetings. Then everyone shares their new year resolutions. Then everyone shares their visions of the next millennium (Hammer thinks everyone will have big heads). End with singing Auld Lang Syne.

Scene 1

Head: On this the first day of the new millennium...welcome everybody.... this is your headmistress inviting you all...one by one...to give your new millennium greetings in your own particular way. Ted... being a friendly and talkative young man I shall invite YOU to start the ball rolling.

Ted: Thanks Headmistress... Hey, it' s the first day of the new year so this is Ted.... wishing everyone of you a....

All: Very Friendly Year Two Thousand.

Daisy: (Giggles) Can I go next Headmistress.

Head: Yes Daisy.... please do.

Daisy: And this is Daisy, (giggles) wishing everyone a..

All: A Very Very NASTY New Year!

Iris & Anita: And this is Iris and Anita, Daisy' s friends wishing everyone a....

All: Dumbly obedient New Year.

Emily: And this is Emily who USED to be a friend of Daisy's but not anymore wishing you all an.....

All: Honest, brave and truthful New Year.

Li Bin: And this is Li Bin wishing everyone, particularly gentleman Ricky... a...

All: Very Peaceful and Courteous New Year.

Big Dollar: And this is Big Dollar...King of the Playground....

Hammer: ... and Hammer...Big Dollar' s faithful servant...

Big D & H: Wishing everyone
All: A very VIOLENT New Year.
Miss P: And this is your English teacher...Miss Perkins... wishing everyone,
especially dear, sweet, Daisy and her dear sweet friends, Iris and
Anita... a
All: A very Gullible New Year.
Miss Ho: And this is your History teacher.... Miss Ho.... wishing all of you,
wherever you may be and whoever you may be a....
All: A Very Loving and Caring New Year.
Alysha: And this is Alysha wishing everybody, no matter what colour their skin,
no matter what their religion...
All: A very Tolerant New Year
Pinky: (Baby voice) And this is Pinky Winky wishing all little children
everywhere... and ethpethially Wicky... a..
All: (In funny baby voices) Vewy Vewy Happy New Year full of sweeties,
candies, balloons and lots and lots of pwesents.

(Pause)

Ted: (Lowered, urgent voice) Hey ... hey Ricky ... go on.... it's your turn.
Ricky: What? My turn? Really? What shall I say?
Ted: Just wish everyone a Happy whatever.
Ricky: Now?
Ted: Yes, now!... go on Ricky ... you' re keeping everyone waiting.
Ricky: Okay... okay... I understand, understand (clearing voice) Um ...
Lady ... (coughs) Ladies and gentlemen.... I wanna wish you al... and...
um.... Li Bin... yes Li Bin.... I wanna wish (coughs) Li Bin....
Ted: (Impatient) Get on with it Ricky ... you' re wasting time.
Ricky: Oh, oh...wasting time... sorry Ted... sorry every one... sorry Miss
Perkins ... sorry Headmistress ...
Ted: (Interrupting, impatient) Ricky... stop saying sorry!
Miss P: Oh for heaven's sakes ... tell him to get on with it will you!
Ricky: Okay, okay... so..... I wish Li Bin and everybody a....
All: VeryBoom Boom New Year.
Ricky: Have we finished now Ted?
Ted: I guess so... we've all said Happy New Year and stuff.
Head: Just a minute Ted...aren' t you forgetting someone?
Ted: Am I?

Head: Yes... me.
Ted: Oh yeah, sure... go ahead Headmistress... we're all ears.
Head: Thank you. And finally, this is your Headmistress wishing one and all in every sector of the school and education community a....
All: Very Responsible, Obedient and Hardworking New Year.
Head: (Monosyllabic MTR style) Thank you for your cooperation.

Scene 2

Head: Time now to share our new years resolutions together.
Ricky: Huh? What are they?
Miss Ho: A new year's resolution Ricky, you know... when you promise to do something for the whole year.
Ricky: For the whole year Miss Ho? Wa!
Miss P: And you have to stick to it Ricky Chiu, not make a resolution and then forget about it.
Head: Resolutions are like promises.... and promises are to be kept... not broken.
Ricky: A promise... a promise to who?
Miss Ho: A promise to yourself Ricky.
Ricky: Promise what Miss Ho?
Miss Ho: Whatever you want Ricky, whatever you would like to change about yourself.
Miss P: He won't change... Ricky Chiu change?! Never.
Ricky: Hmm... Miss Ho... can you give me an example.
Miss Ho: Yes... for example Ricky...
Miss P: I'll give him an example.
Miss Ho: Go ahead Miss Perkins.
Miss P: My new year's resolution is to... be an even better person, then I am now
Daisy: But Miss Perkins... you already ARE a good, kind person.
Miss P: Thank you Daisy... but you know... I want to be even better.
Iris & Anita: But Miss Perkins... you can't be any better then you are now..
Miss P: Well that's very nice of you to say so girls. But I'm going to give it a try.
D & A & I: (Giggling nastily) Silly old fool... she believes us. What an idiot!
Miss P: (Sighing) Those girls are so sweet.
D & A & I: (Ironically) Miss Perkins is dumb... she believes EVERYTHING we

say!

Miss P: They're such honest girls... dependable and trustworthy.

D & A & I: Miss Perkins is a donkey.

Miss P: I'm very fond of Daisy AND Anita AND Iris but I think Daisy is the most honest.

Daisy: What a fool!

Head: Now then Ricky... you heard what Miss Ho and Miss Perkins said... now go ahead and make a new year's resolution.

Ricky: Can someone else go first please Headmistress.

Head: Very well ... Big Dollar... YOU make a new year's resolution.

Big Dollar: Me? Um... okay Headmistress. Ummm... I promise to be sweet and good to the other kids in the playground and not to smoke anymore.

Head: You smoke?!

Big Dollar: No Headmistress ... but I'm saying I don't and I won't.

Head: I see... and do you think you can keep mat promise Big Dollar?

Big Dollar: Sure Headmistress, I'm a pretty tough guy... I can always do what I say I'll do.

Head: What about your friend?

Big Dollar: Hammer?

Head: Yes, um... Hammer (aside) What odd names these boys have.

Big Dollar: Hammer.

Hammer: Yes Big Dollar?

Big Dollar: Make a new year's resolution for the Headmistress.

Hammer: Um ... okay ... my new year's resolution is ...

Big Dollar: ... to do everything I tell you to... there, that's your new year resolution Hammer

Hammer: But I always do everything you tell me to Boss... I did last year and the year before and the year before that.

Big Dollar: Good, so you will obey me again all this year as well.

Hammer: Of course Big Dollar... you're the Boss.

Big Dollar: So repeat after me... 'My new year's resolution is to obey ME... BIG dollar.

Hammer: Okay Boss ... (clears throat) My new year's resolution is to obey YOU ... Big Dollar.

Big Dollar: I will do everything he tells me to.

Hammer: I will do everything you tell me to.

Big Dollar: In sickness and in health.

Hammer: In sickness and in health.

Big D: For richer for poorer.
Hammer: For richer for poorer.
Big D: So help me God.
Hammer: So help me God.
Head: (Aside) Are Big Dollar and Hammer getting married? or are they making a new year's resolution?
Miss P: It's difficult to say at this point... but I've never been a bridesmaid and I've always wanted to... it's just that nobody's ever asked me.
Head: I now proclaim you Boss and Sidekick.
All: Applause
Head: Hammer...you may now lick your Boss's boots.
Hammer: Thanks Headmistress.

(SFX: A few slurps as Hammer licks Big Dollar's boots)

D & A & I: Can we make a new year's resolution Headmistress?
Head: Of course Daisy, of course Anita., of course Iris... what is it to be.
Girls: To help old ladies, to be kind to those in need and to always tell the truth.
Head: Highly commendable.
Miss P: I told you they're angels... Headmistress... absolute angels.
Girls: (Sniggering in a nasty way) We hate old ladies and we're going to be nasty to everyone and we're going to tell lots and lots and lots of big lies (giggle nastily)
Miss Ho: Alysha... Li Bin... Emily?... .what are your new year's resolutions going to be?
Li Bin: You go first Alysha.
Alysha: No, after you Li Bin.
Emily: Yes, after you Li Bin.
Li Bin: Thank you Alysha., thank you Emily... well I think My new year's resolution is... to work hard, keep out of trouble and be obedient to my parents.
Miss Ho: Alysha?
Alysha: And mine is to never be frightened to speak the truth.
Miss Ho: Those are very good resolutions Alysha.
Alysha: Thank you Miss Ho.
Miss Ho: Emily?
Emily: To continue to tell the truth... even if it DOES get me into trouble.

Miss Ho: Well done all three of you... Li Bin, Alysha and Emily.
Alysha: What is YOUR new year resolution Miss Ho?
A & L & E: Yes tell us Miss Ho, tell us we want to know.
Miss Ho: Mine... well, for the year 2000... I want ALL of my lessons to be interesting and stimulating so that my students will grow wiser and happier and better human beings.
Li Bin: Your lessons are ALWAYS interesting Miss Ho.
Miss Ho: Thank you Li Bin.
Alysha: I love your lessons Miss Ho....they're always SO interesting.
Miss Ho: Thank you Alysha.
Emily: Me too Miss Ho... you always make me think about things in a new way.
Miss Ho: Thank you Emily.
Alysha: Headmistress... can you have two new year resolutions?
Head: You can make as many resolutions as you think you can keep Alysha.
Alysha: Well I don't think I know enough about the world... so... my second new year's resolution is to read more newspapers.
Miss Ho: Good idea Emily.
Emily: I agree... I'm going to try and read a newspaper everyday.
Li Bin: Me too.
Miss Ho: I hope you can keep that up girls... you will certainly learn a lot, more about the world if you read a newspaper every day.
A & E & L: Thank you Miss Ho.
Miss Ho: No need to thank me girls.
A & E & L: You're our favourite teacher Miss Ho.
D & A & I: And you are OUR favourite teacher Miss Perkins.
Miss P: Why thank you Daisy... thank you Anita, thank you Iris... I appreciate you saying that.
A & E & L: Miss Ho is OUR favourite.
D & A & I: Ha! Miss Perkins is OUR favourite.
A & E & L: Miss Ho.
D & A & I: Miss Perkins
A & E & L: Miss Ho.
D & A & I: Miss Perkins.
Ted: Headmistress... do YOU have a new year's resolution?
Head: Of course Ted.
Ted: Would you , like, share it with us Headmistress.
Head: I shall be delighted to Ted... My new year resolution is to be... an even

BETTER Headmistress than I am already.

D & Girls: (Giggle nastily) Huh! the headmistress thinks she is a GOOD headmistress... but she isn't... she's rubbish. (they snigger nastily)

Head: In this Millennium I wish to become known as the very very best Headmistress in Hong Kong and indeed the best Headmistress in the whole of the Pearl River Estuary..

Ted: I'm sure you will Headmistress.

Head: Thank you Ted.

Miss P: You already are the best Headmistress.

Head: Thank you Miss Perkins ... Miss Ho? ... Miss Perkins has just voiced her full confidence in me... yet... you say nothing.

Miss Ho: Headmistress... you do not need to hear my words when you can read what is in my heart.

Head: Quite so Miss Ho... quite so.

Ted: Everyone's finished now Ricky... so it's your turn... come on... tell everyone what your new year's resolution is.

Head: Yes, Ricky Chiu... stand forward and speak... your time has come.

Ricky: Umm... okay, okay... (clears throat) You know Headmistress... before, I was ... a bad boy... I had a gang... yes, a gang... Tooth. Leo and Bobo.

Head: (Aside) What very odd names these boys all seem to have.

Ricky: ... and we used to ASK children... in the playground... for money.

Big Dollar: Shame on you.

Hammer: Why you saying that Boss...isn't that what we do?

Big Dollar: Shut up Hammer.

Ted: (Laughing) 'ASK' Ricky?!... you used to 'ASK' the kids for money? ... Don't you mean ...?

Ricky: Yes, yes, yes... I know, I know... if they didn't give us money... we would... um...

Ted: Beat them up?

Ricky: Something like that... yes, yes.

Big Dollar: Bad boy ... bad boy.

Hammer: Why are you saying he's a bad boy Big Dollar?... isn't that what WE do?

Big Dollar: Shut up Hammer.

Ricky: BUT... now I want to change... I don't want all those problems ... I don't want to hurt anyone... I just want to be a ... a gentleman

Miss P: Huh! Ricky a Gentleman! ... that'll be the day... he's a hooligan, a

troublemaker... I've said it before... boys like Ricky Chiu should be thrown out of the school.

Big Dollar: (Falling tone on second here) Here here! ... I second that.

Ricky: Miss Perkins thinks I am still a bad boy... I know that... she thinks I was trying to steal things from the school store room---

Miss P: Well you were...

Ricky: I wasn't.

Li Bin: He wasn't!

Miss P: Ricky Chiu is a thief and a liar and stop, trying to defend him Li Bin.

Daisy & Girls: Yes Miss Perkins, Ricky IS a thief and a liar. (giggle nastily)

Miss Ho: Daisy... how can you say that?... Ricky is your brother!

Ricky: I admit it... I was bad before... I took money from other kids, I skipped classes, I was rude to teachers... but now... I really want to change.

Miss Ho: Headmistress... Ricky Chiu has had a very hard time at home.

Head: I see.

Miss P: Huh! Excuses.

Miss Ho: No, not excuses Miss Perkins... his father beat him... he even threw him out of the family home onto the streets!

Miss P: (Sarcastic) Ahhhh, poor little Ricky. Come off it Wanda... stop kidding yourself... Ricky Chiu is bad through and through... he can't help it... he was BORN that way ... and if I was his father I would have probably kicked him onto the streets myself... years ago.

Miss Ho: Miss Perkins... Ricky is not bad... he became anti-social as a result of having a drunk abusive father who swore at him, beat him and treated him with NO respect whatsoever.

Miss P: Respect?! Respect for Ricky Chiu? Good heavens... Wanda, the boy's a thug, a bully... he extorts money form the other children in the playground...

Miss Ho: But he wants to change Miss Perkins... he really wants to change.

Miss P: You don't really believe that do you Wanda?

Miss Ho: Listen to him Miss Perkins... open your ears and listen to Ricky's new year resolution.

Miss P: Words, Miss Ho... nothing but empty words.

D & A & I: You're right Miss Perkins, you're ALWAYS right.

Miss P: Thank you Daisy... thank you girls.

A & E & L: You're right Miss Ho, you're always right.

Miss Ho: Thank you Alysha, thank you girls.

Ricky: Miss Perkins ... I know you don't believe me, but it's true ... I know it

will be difficult but in the year 2000... I want to become a...
gentleman.

- Li Bin: Oh Ricky... you already ARE a gentleman.
Miss P: Ricky a gentleman?! Rubbish.
Miss Ho: Miss Perkins... please... I think Ricky deserves our encouragement.
Miss P: Why? He's talking rubbish... he's lying.
Daisy: Yes Miss Perkins, Ricky is my brother and I can tell you... he IS lying.
Miss P: You see... his own sister say's he's lying.
Miss Ho: And you believe her?
Miss P: Believe Daisy?! Why yes of COURSE I do.
Miss Ho: Miss Perkins... Daisy may have virtues that I have yet to discover... but
one virtue I doubt I shall find in her is--..an honest tongue.
Miss P: Daisy is as honest as the day is long Miss Ho.
Daisy: I don't tell lies! ... do I girls?
I & A: Yes Daisy... we mean... NO Daisy... you NEVER tell lies.
Daisy: You see.
Miss P: Of course Daisy doesn't tell lies ... she is incapable of telling lies.
Head: My dear Miss Ho... nobody tells lies in my school... it is a well ordered
institution... there is no bad behaviour, to speak of... and certainly no
lies or bullying in the playground.
Big Dollar: That's right Headmistress... this is a good school... isn't it Hammer.
Hammer: Yes Boss.
Head: Why thank you Big Dollar... thank you Hammer... that is most kind to
say so. Very well... I believe we have all shared our new years
resolutions.
All: Yes Headmistress.
Head: Now let us move on.

Interval

Scene 3

- Head: Now we have wished everybody a happy new year... and we have
shared our new year's resolutions... it is now time for us all to share
our visions of the future.
All: Yes Headmistress.
Ricky: What's happening now Ted?
Ted: This is when we have to predict what's going to happen to the world in

the next thousand years.

Ricky: Wa! How do I know what's going to happen to the world in the next thousand years?... I don't even know what's going to happen to the world in the next thousand minutes!

Ted: Just guess Ricky... just guess.

Head: Very well.

Head: Can anybody tell us what a millennium is?

Alysha: (Holding up her hand) Miss! Miss!

Head: Yes Alysha.

Alysha: A millennium is one thousand years Headmistress.

Head: Correct... now this is the end of the second millennium... so what does that mean?

Emily: Miss! Miss! Head: Yes Emily.

Emily: It means we are two thousand years from the birth of Christ.

Head: Correct Emily.

Li Bin: Two thousand A.D. Miss.

Head: Correct Li Bin.

Emily: So if Jesus was alive to-day Miss... he'd be two thousand years old.

Daisy: (In Cantonese... 'stupid') Chisin! Two thousand years old!... how can Jesus be two thousand years old? ... he'd be dead by now ... nobody lives that long!

Emily: But Daisy, Jesus IS dead... he died when he was thirty three.

Daisy: So why did you say he was still alive then?!

Emily: I didn't... I said... IF... Jesus were still alive.

Daisy: You're lying.

I & A : She's lying!

Daisy: Emily said Jesus was still alive.

I & A : Emily said Jesus was still alive.

Head: And he is girls ... he is ...

Girls: (SFX: Collective gasp) Really Headmistress?! Jesus is alive?! How come?!

Head: In our hearts girls ... in our hearts ... You see for those of us who believe in Jesus ... well, he never died... he was crucified and then resurrected... brought back to life from the grave.

Daisy: Like a ghost?

A & I: (Frightened) A ghost?!

Head: No, like a man... the son of God who has walked the earth for two thousand years.

Daisy: Such a long time... he must be very tired.
Head: No he isn't tired Daisy... it is US who become tired sometimes but never HIM... never OUR LORD. Now then... let us share our thoughts on the times that are ahead of us.
Alysha: (Hand up) Miss Miss!
Head: Yes Alysha.
Alysha: May I go first.
Head: You may.
Alysha: Well Headmistress... I think, that in the next millennium... we will all speak the same language.
Head: Really Alysha... you believe that?
Alysha: Yes because we will be travelling so much and meeting people from all different countries all the time and we will HAVE to be able to speak to each other so I think we will all have to learn the same language so we can speak to each other.
Head: And what language do you think that will be Alysha? Chinese? English? Spanish? Hindi?
Alysha: Esperanto Headmistress.
Head: Ah, Esperanto.
Alysha: It's an artificial language Miss... especially made for international use... it's easy to learn and belongs to everyone.
MissHo: Can you speak any Esperanto Alysha?
Alysha: A little bit Miss Ho... but I wan to learn more... Just think, if everyone in the whole world could speak the same language... wouldn't that be wonderful.
Miss Ho: It would Alysha.
Head: Very well... and who is to go next?
Emily: Miss! Miss!
Head: Yes Emily.
Emily: I think that in the next millennium... there will be cities and villages on the moon.
Head: Only the moon Emily?
Emily: And maybe on Venus too.
Head: I see... humans living on Venus and the moon.
Li Bin: Miss! Miss!
Head: Yes Li Bin.
Li Bin: I think in the next millennium... China will become a very powerful country... it will be like America is to-day... it will be rich and have

modern cities and all the other countries will listen to what it says.

Head: I see... so China will become the new America.

Li Bin: Yes Headmistress.

Big Dollar: Miss! Miss!

Head: Yes Big Dollar.

Big Dollar: I think in the next one thousand years... gangs will be more powerful than governments.

Head: Really Big Dollar? You believe that?

Big Dollar: Yes, gangs... big gangs... well organized gangs from China, Russia, America, Italy and Japan... these gangs will rule the earth... and the gang leaders will be kings.

Hammer: (Reverentially) Will you be a king Boss?

Big Dollar: Shut up Hammer.

Head: And what is your vision of the next one thousand years on earth Hammer?

Hammer: I think the same as Big Dollar Miss.

Head: But Hammer my boy, you MUST have some ideas of your own, surely.

Hammer: Ummm... maybe.

Head: Come on, let's hear them.

Hammer: I think... um...

Head: Go on Hammer, we're listening.

Hammer: I think in the next one thousand years... we will all have big heads.

Head: Big heads?!

Big Dollar: (Cantonese 'stupid') Chisin.

Girls: (Daisy Anita Iris all giggle noisily)

Hammer: Now we have small heads but soon our heads will get bigger and bigger and our bodies will get smaller and smaller and our arms and legs will get shorter and shorter until, in the end, we will be just big heads... big heads and nothing else.

Girls: (Same noisy giggling)

Big Dollar: What's wrong with you Hammer you stupid idiot... why are you saying these stupid things to the headmistress? Huh? Are you trying to make me lose face?!

Miss Ho: I can see his point... as we need to use our bodies less and our minds more... so our heads will grow and our bodies shrink.

Head: Interesting thought Hammer... Now then... Daisy, Iris, Anita... you three girls are being very quiet... what do you think will happen in the next one thousand years?

Girls: (Together) Um... we don't know Headmistress.

Miss P: Don't be shy Daisy ... don't be shy girls ... come on now... speak up... I'm sure you've got lots of wonderful ideas bubbling away in those brilliant brains of yours.

Daisy: Um ... I know ... in the next one thousand years ... there will be a lot more shops and everyone will go shopping all the time.

Iris: Yes and children will get a lot more pocket money.

Anita: And there will be beds in the classrooms so if you are feeling tired in a lesson you can just go to bed and go to sleep.

Head: So, more shops, more pocket money and beds in the classrooms.

Girls: Yes Headmistress.

Miss P: What clever girls... those are GREAT ideas girls... well done Daisy, well done Anita, well done Iris.

Girls: Thank you Miss Perkins.

Daisy: (Aside) We'll need beds in Miss Perkins class... she's sooo boring she puts us all to sleep.

Girls: (Giggle nastily)

Miss Ho: Maybe I can speak next Headmistress.

Head: Please do Miss Ho.

Miss Ho: I think that in the next one thousand years we will all live to be over two hundred years old.

Daisy: Ugh! So old?! I don't want to be so old.

Miss Ho: But maybe there will be no choice Daisy... maybe you will HAVE to live a very long time.

Daisy: Oh well, I suppose I can do more shopping.

Iris: Wa! Two thousand years of shopping...

Anita: Where will you put all the stuff you buy Daisy?

Daisy: I dunno... maybe I'll buy a big boat and put all my shopping in the boat.

Miss P: You know what I think... I think there will be special airplanes that just jump up into the sky and jump down again so you can leave Hong Kong and be in New York or London or Sydney in less than five minutes.

Daisy: Wa! Five minutes to Sydney.

D & Girls: Can we come too Miss Perkins?

Miss P: Of course you can Daisy... of course you can girls.

Daisy: (Aside) As long as she pays.

Girls: (Giggle nastily)

Ted: I think in the next one thousand years...

Head: Yes Ted.

Ted: I won't be here.

Miss Ho: You will be for some of it Ted.

Ted: Not much though... Anyway, who wants to live in a world full of big heads that go shopping all day and sleep in beds in class.

Head: Ricky... you're the only one who hasn't said anything yet... What do you think will happen in the next millennium?

Ricky: (Uncertain) Ummm....

Li Bin: I can't wait to hear what Ricky has to say... I know it will be special.

Miss Ho: I agree Li Bin, I think it will be too.

Ricky: (Proud) Really? Really you think so?

Li Bin: Yes Ricky.

Miss Ho: Yes we do.

Ricky: (With a surging confidence) Well, I think... there will be a big balloon in the sky-

Daisy: (Sarcastic) Big balloon!

Girls: (Snigger nastily)

Miss Ho: Go on Ricky.

Ricky: (Faltering but regaining confidence) and...and a ladder will come down...

Daisy: (Sarcastic) A ladder!

Girls: (Snigger nastily)

Ricky: And these strange people will climb down the ladder and they will take us back up the ladder and there will be ladders everywhere and balloons and we will all sail away and come back and sail away again.

Head: (Pause) In balloons.

Ricky: Yes Headmistress, in big golden balloons that are full of ... happiness..

Miss Ho: That's a wonderful vision Ricky.

Li Bin: Oh Ricky...I knew you would say something wonderful... balloons full of happiness... I love that.

Alysha: Yes, it's wonderful... I wish I'd thought of that.

Ricky: Really?

Emily: I'm very impressed.

Ricky: No, no... it was stupid.

Ted: Where did all that come from Ricky?!

Ricky: I don't know... (laughing awkwardly) It was just a dream... a silly dream. Um, can I go now Headmistress?

Head: Yes, Ricky... you can all go... and before you do... may I wish you all success in keeping your new year resolutions.

All: Thank you Headmistress...

Head: And a very happy new year... and to the future world... a prosperous, peaceful and productive new millennium.

All: (Singing together) May old acquaintance be forgot and never come to mind... may old acquaintance be forgot for the sake of old lang syne... for old lang syne my dear, for old lang syne... I'll make a cup of kindness dear for the sake of old lang syne.

(SFX: Balloons popping, whistles blowing, fireworks cracking in the sky. Fade)

Music

The End