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My dear Wife:-

I wish you a happy new year, and God grant you may have it. One year ago today I was with you, what changes has taken place in this brief period in our own circle - and what a change in our national prospects. When I reflect upon what I have passed through and endured in the past year - I am filled with wonder almost amounting to awe. The many hardships and trials - and the almost innumerable ~~and~~ hair breadth escapes and dangers I have passed through - it make me shudder. It makes me feel that there has been a kind and overruling power that has shielded me from harm - for which we cannot be too thankful. And the question naturally arises - how will it be the year on which we have just now entered? The future is veiled in mystery and well it is so for our happiness.

We have many things to mourn for and regrets - but how many many blessings has been bestowed upon us that should lead,  
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