New Year's Resolution Song

Working out, losing weight
Maybe using tanning spray
Becoming more attractive in general

Reading more, watching less
Learning all the rules for chess
Becoming somewhat smarter in general

Eating fish, not fingernails
Volunteer to save the whales
Becoming a better guy in general

Saving more, spending less
Yes I will wax my chest
Dating more girls in general

But not this year.
No this year is different!
As different as a gazelle.
Yes, a gazelle from a deer.

After all these failed resolutions.
My future is clear, the future is near!

Just forget those resolutions
you Know that you are never gonna do and
Adopt a more realistical view
By committing to things that come easily to you

Like eat at least one value meal a week
Or put the correct shoes on the correct feet
Just "Raise the bar to walk effortlessly underneath!"

Just face the fact you've always thought
Those resolutions don't mean squat and
Settle in to a comfortable spot
Embrace all the things you know you are not.

Hit the snooze, roll over, then repeat.
Make large purchases, then lose the receipts.

Just "Raise the bar to walk effortlessly underneath!"
What will you be doing this time next week?

Let's start with the **present simple**. Like the present continuous, this tense can be used for talking about future events that are planned, or in the diary:

*We leave for France next Tuesday.*

*Term starts next week.*

*Her plane gets in at three in the morning.*

Notice that two of the above examples relate to events that are not only planned, but planned by *someone else* as part of an official diary or timetable. This is a typical use of the present simple for future events. We should *mention* another important use of the present tense for *tying* the future, and one that students sometimes get wrong. A present tense – often the present simple – is used for talking about future events in phrases that *contain* words relating to time, such as *when, after and until.*

*We'll come and stay with you when the weather gets nicer.*

*We'll come and stay with you when the weather will get nicer.*

*Wait in the café until I come.*

*Wait in the café until I will come.*

Another tense that we use to talk about the time to come is the **future continuous** (will be + v-ing):

*Sure – come round at nine. I'll be working but Tim will be in.*

*This time next week, we'll be flying over the Atlantic.*

Here, we are talking about something that will *already be happening (I'll be working/will be flying)* at a point that is referred to in the future (*nine/this time next week).*

Yet another future tense is the **future perfect** (will have + v-ed). We use this tense for an action that will be completed by a particular point in the future.

*By Thursday, I'll have finished this report.*

*I'll have left the party by the time you arrive.*

Note that we often use the *preposition by* with the future perfect. (*by Thursday/by the time you arrive*).

Of course, not everything in the future is certain. We need a way of talking about future events that are only *possible*. For this, we have the modal verbs *may, might, and could.*

*We may be there by six, but I can't say for sure.*

*I might leave a bit early – it depends.*

*It could be a success.*

If we think that something *probably will happen* (though we are not completely certain), we can use the modal verb *should*:

*We should be back by eight.*