

GREATITUDE

CREATE

EQUALITY

NEW IDEAS

SOLUTIONS

FUN IN 21

BE

COMPASSION

DREAM

LOVE

CARE

EARTH CARE

THE NEW YEAR

## Out of the Box in 2021

The new year just blew the top off the box,  
A wonderful beginning to the year of the ox,  
It's an old-time gusher, a volcanic eruption,  
A great beginning, a raucous introduction.

The year 2020 will long be discussed,  
And let me add, it will also be cussed,  
There are many things better left behind,  
Hopefully out of sight if not out of mind.

Now the box is blown open, the year lies ahead,  
Let's weave best intentions together with thread  
To be brought out and considered on a dull dreary day  
To ensure these hopes don't fritter away.

And how about making New Year's resolutions?  
I pledge to try to develop solutions,  
We've had enough self-centered ego mumbling,  
We need action for change - no more stumbling.

And then there's just thinking out of the box,  
To be creative and inventive like the crafty sly fox,  
In 2021 that's where I want to be,  
Having fun while thinking creatively.

Earth Church will be a part of my routine,  
I need all the serenity my church can bring,  
The birds are my friends, and I cherish them all,  
I particularly enjoy blue jay's raucous call.

I'm truly grateful that I'm with Garland,

She stuck with me – I'm a fortunate man,  
We welcome the new year with hope and cheer,  
As we kick 2020 in the rear.

So welcome 2021 with open arms,  
And hope the eruption sets off no alarms,  
We hope for peace and calm and sanity,  
And the elimination of Covid for all humanity.

So welcome to Earth Church,  
Pull yourself up a pew,  
We're out of the box in 2021  
Join us - it's confining you.