

Poem for the New Year

Complete the poem with these words:

NEW / TOO - SPREAD / SAID - MAY / SAY

'The Trees' Philip Larkin

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being 1) _____;
The recent buds relax and 2) _____
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die 3) _____,
Their yearly trick of looking 4) _____
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In full-grown thickness every 5) _____.
Last year is dead, they seem to 6) _____,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.....

1. How are you thinking _____ this Christmas and New Year's?
2. What _____ the best moment of the year, for you?
3. If you _____ asked to choose your best book, film or cultural event from this year, what _____?
4. Is there anything that you did this year that you _____ done differently?
5. Have you _____ able _____ all that you _____ to do this time last year?
6. If you _____ to make a list of things to do _____ this time next year, which 3 would you include?
7. Do you _____ next year to be better, or worse, than this?
8. What _____ we _____ saying this time next year? What _____ happened in the meantime?