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May you live long until after,

you, the best of noble souls.

Shall you remain in God's peace.

Yes, health, salvation and joy

may always be with you,

you who agreed to this travel.

Late but first, you are openly walking with the Lord

in this time of pilgrimage,

until you reach the land of salvation.

Lord of Heaven, blessed crown,

find all my prayers highly fulfilled.

God does not leave you!

Today in the midst of yours friends, jubilate the New Year's celebration.

I don't know what else to write, except that we are all well, which we wish to you.

Also, many greetings to my comrades. I am closing my letter with best wishes to all of you and all my relatives for a Happy New Year.

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Translator's note: The German original is written as poem in double rhyme.