

**If you want to be very Roman…**

**Io, Saturnalia!** = Hurray, Saturnalia!

**Laeta Saturnalia!** = Merry Saturnalia!

**If you want to risk being thrown to the lions…**

**Hilare festum nativitatis Christi et felicem annum novum!**

= Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Omnia optima festo nativitatis Christi et felici anno novo!**

= All the best for Christmas and for a Happy New Year!

**If you want to focus on New Year…**

**Salutes temporis anni!** = Greetings of the time of the year!

**Beatum annum novum!** = Happy New Year!

**Fortuna tecum sit per annum novum!** = May fortune be with you through the New Year!

*Just in case you were wondering, because the Romans had no word for Christmas – we’ve had to say “festival of the birth of Christ”!*