Well, another Holiday season is here
A time to reflect on our amazing year
For many, it has been a time of great change,
With the climate, and the news, all becoming more strange
Yet you all have remained steadfast believers in public mental health
I continue to marvel at your many kinds of wealth

We are rich in passion, in wisdom, and in creativity
We are rich in traditions beyond the nativity
Each of you continues to show respect and enthusiasm
For the rights and promotion of all people’s dignity
Embracing the causes of the severely mentally ill
And of those addicted to what’s in a pill
Is noble, and important, and urgently needed
A pursuit you have all shown you won’t be impeded

This season I am grateful to work with so many of you
Despite the time it will take, I shall name more than a few
Our current doctoral students are simply amazing
The bar for excellence you are continuously raising
Shoshanna Fine, Geoff Kahn and Marian Tzuang are running their NRSAs with zest
And Kate Perepezko’s NRSA is coming up next
We’re hoping that Kira Riehm get similar good news in the new year
She just submitted this month, so let’s all give a cheer!
She also joined Kayla Tormohlen and alum Kenny Feder the mighty
Reporting on teen anxiety and social media in JAMA Psychiatry

Lindsey Webb is continuing her work with intention
And John Thorne is working towards child sexual abuse prevention
Kyle Moored and Breanna Crane are training with Bandit the dolphin
While psychiatric genetics is the passion of Angela Lin
Questions of aging mental health drive Alison Huang

And Courtney Nordeck considers substance use and beyond
I owe Emily Smail great thanks for her work as my PMH TA
Her talents and dedication were greatly on display
Darlynn Rojo-Wissar and Maggie Ingram also helped out
So I think it is appropriate to give them a shout!
Luke Aldridge, Christine Bourey and Oheema Poku are addressing mental health from a global perspective
And we have hopefully convinced Lex Curhan that studying autism and psychosis is her objective

And then there are our fantastic first years
Their inevitable success is already clear
Nicole McConico brings her legal wisdom to bare
While Katrina has years of psych epi knowledge to share
Luke Grovsner is applying big data to ASD
While Ian Schmid is pursuing biostatistics and mental health with glee
Savannah Brenneke and Kechna Cadet will also surely make us proud
As they join the rigorous and translational work of the substance use crowd

I also want to mention our fantastic post-docs
Who work so hard and provide many thoughts
Alfonso Alfini, Masi Aminesmaeili, and Denali Boon are swell
As are Kevon Jackman, Dan Lakin, Molly Lasater and Erin Goodell
Kristin Mignoga, Stephanie Moore and PT Le
Are joined by Saba Rouhani, and Dave Sosnowski

I want to express particular and heart-felt gratitude
To Calliope Holingue and Wendy Ingram for changing the whole school’s attitude
Their work starting the Student Mental Health Grad Network is profound
Their antistigma campaign with faculty alone broke new ground

And while this poem is already too long
I cannot end without including our MHS students in this happy song
Demi and Genevive and Ritu and Suiyini
Your presence in the program has just been dreamy
Same goes for you Angel, Chas, Samantha and Jolie,
And Garrett and George and Amanda and Chloe
I enjoyed having Rhea, Priya, Ife and Aditya in my class
As well as Gianella, Michael, Joy, and Abby who all earned a “pass”
To Nao, Francesca, Dan, John, and Connor
Having you in the program is also an honor.
On Jonathan, Ashley, and Paula I’m keen
And also Nika, Juju, Maya and Colleen!
Our MHS students have created such a great scene
And I must mention how fortunate we are to all have Jeanine!

The accomplishments of this department could not exist
Without the truly amazing staff on our list
What is best for students, Patty will always consider
And she keeps us active on facebook and twitter
Michelle keeps things running day in and day out
We would not function without her, there is no doubt!
Scott gets creative to get the job done
And Carlina’s leadership is second to none
Ryan, Candice and Sam calculate numbers quite fast
While Sherrie makes sure we take care of our staff
Their dedication and competence are beyond compare
Our fortune with admin is truly so rare

In the fall I won’t mention each faculty by name
But stay tuned for the spring party when I will tout their fame
We act as a family in meetings, in courses and at talks,
Through aims boot camps, reviews, or cross-campus walks
I feel grateful to work with every single person in this place
You each show intellect, creativity, and grace
So here’s to 2020, may the world lean towards intellectual and social wealth
As we strive to improve the public’s mental health