



RISING TIDES, RISING VOICES

SONGS FOR THE JEWISH CLIMATE MOVEMENT



DAYENU

INTRODUCTION



Welcome to the Dayenu Jewish Climate Songbook! Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liady, a leader of modern Jewish Mysticism taught, “There are gates in heaven that cannot be opened except by melody and song.” Music has the power to open gates and to shape movements.

In this songbook you will find songs and chants to inspire and mobilize, to energize us for the streets and for the long-haul, and to comfort us in times of grief and loss. Some songs come from long ago in various Jewish traditions, others were written in recent months. The songs in this book are mostly written by Jews or have been sung by Jews, giving us hope and the strength to keep going even when times are hard. We need all the power and all the healing that music can offer us as we build and fight for a just, livable future.

This is a living songbook – we intend to keep singing, keep writing the music we need, keep building this movement, with you. May these songs uplift, inspire, invite sacred tears, and most importantly connect us with one another.

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These inspiring songs have the potential to reconnect us to people power and to the sweet possibility of a just future. We think they're perfect to play and/or sing with a group of people heading into action!

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These are songs for moments of grief, moments where we need a little help feeling and moving through pain, and otherwise going deep and inward as we must sometimes during this long fight. We hope they can carry you through

sorrow, joy, and everything in between as they have for us.

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Le'ovdah U'le'shomrah by Rabbi Louis Polisson and Gabriella Feingold

Loosen by Aly Halpert

Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu by Sheva

Shrbil by Neta Elkayam

When I Was Young by T'Jen Bishop





SONGS FOR THE STREETS

CALLING ALL WARRIORS

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Dina Erie & Wild Choir
(formerly Thrive)

 LISTEN HERE

Gm

Step completely as a warrior of love

Walk with dignity, fight for love.

(x2)

Gm Cm

Gm (F#dm)

The Earth is Calling all warriors!

(x2)



COURAGE

MUSIC AND LYRICS

South African Anti-
Apartheid Movement Song

 LISTEN HERE

C
Courage, my friend
G C
You do not walk alone
C
We will walk with you
G C
And sing your spirit home

ENOUGH / DAYENU

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Sarah Beller

 LISTEN HERE

(Call and response)

Chorus: **Enough**
Enough Dayenu x2

Verse 1:

We've had enough
No more waiting
We've had enough
The world is burning

Verse 2:

We have enough
To share in our
harvest
We have enough
So all souls are
nourished

Verse 3:

We are enough
Lifting our voices
We are enough
In this generation

Bridge:

For future generations
With past generations
In every generation

End: **ENOUGH!**

NEVER ALONE

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Peace Poets

 LISTEN HERE

B E B

I have not come here alone

B F# B

I carry my people in my bones

I have not come here alone

And if you listen you can hear them in my soul

OZI V'ZIMRAT YAH

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Rabbi Shefa Gold

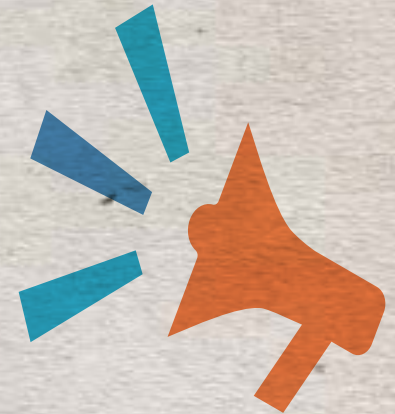
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C F G C

Ozi v'zimrat Yah, vay'hi li lishuah

(My strength, balanced with the Song of God, will be my salvation Exodus 15:2)



THE MOMENT

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Hebrew from Esther 4:14.
English and music by
Arielle Korman.



A Dm
Mi yodea im le'eit kazot

Am
higat lamalchut? Mi

G Am
yodea im le'eit kazot

A Dm
Mi yodea im le'eit kazot

Am
higat lamalchut? Mi

G A
yodea im le'eit kazot

A
Who knows

Dm
if this is the moment?

A
Who knows

Dm
for which you were born?

A
Who knows?

Dm
If this is the moment?

A
Who knows?

Dm
To show up with your
people? (Second time: to
rise up in your power?)

A D
Go now, all my people

A D
Cry out for what you
know is right!

A D
Go now, all my people

A D
Sing out, for now is the
time!

THE TIDE IS RISING

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Rabbi Shoshana Meira
Friedman and Yotam
Schachter



G D
The tide is rising and so are we!

C D
The tide is rising and so are we!

G D
The tide is rising and so are we!

Am D
This is where we are called to be

Am D G
This is where we are called to be .

Additional verses: “Task is mighty...” “Land is holy...” “Storm is raging...”
“Sun is shining...” “World is ready...”

THE PROTECTORS

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Peace Poets

 [LISTEN HERE - SCROLL DOWN](#)

Em

Rising with the mountain tops

Em

Flowing with the ocean

Em B Em

We are the protectors

Em B Em

Our spirits have awoken

TREE NIGUN

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Rabbi Noam Lerman

LISTEN HERE

Bm F#m

Bm F#m

Bm F#m

E Bm

TU BISHVAT NIGUN

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Batya Levine

 LISTEN HERE

F C C G

C F

F C C G

C F...



DAYENU!
ENOUGH!

CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW

JEWISH
CLIMATE
ACTION
NETWORK NYC



Nelson CLEANERS

OPTICAL PH

WE STAND

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Peace Poets

 LISTEN HERE - SCROLL DOWN

 LISTEN HERE - PROTEST

 LISTEN HERE - PROTEST

Em B7 Em

We stand... to protect the land

B7 Em

One people hand in hand

Em B7

One struggle till we heal us all

We stand....

WE'VE GOT THE POWER

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Sarina Partridge

 LISTEN HERE

This is a “zipper” song. You can “zip in” the qualities that we need for the moment.

Who's got the [power / courage / joy /chutzpah / people]? (repeat)

We've got the [power]! (repeat) x2

What do we do when (repeat)

we've got the [power]? (repeat) x2

We take care of each other. Yes we do!

We take care of each other.

WHERE YOU GO

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Shoshana Jedwab



Bb
Where you go I will

Gm
go, beloved (refugee,
Mother Earth,
children, ancestors)

Bb Gm
Where you go I will go

Bb
Where you lie I will

Gm
lie, beloved (refugee,
Mother Earth,
children, ancestors)

Bb Gm Bb Eb Bb
Where you lie I will lie Your divine my divine

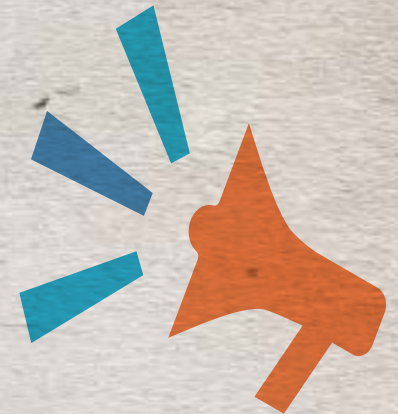
Bb
And your people are

Eb
my people

Bb Eb
Your people are mine

Bb Eb
Your people are my

Eb
people



WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON

MUSIC AND LYRICS

1931 Union Song by activist Florence Reece as rewritten by Sunrise Movement



| | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Am | Cause fossil fuels keep | Corporations raised you |
| Which side are you | paying you | up but we can make |
| on? | Does it weigh on you at | you fall. |
| Which side are you | all? | They picked a war with |
| on? | | our generation -- |
| Which side are you on, | Does it weigh on you at | Does it weigh on you at |
| now? | all? | all? |
| Am Em Am | Does it weigh on you at | |
| Which side are you | all? | Does it weigh on you at |
| on? | | all? |
| | Which side are you on? | Does it weigh on you at |
| Storms surge and | Which side are you on? | all? |
| fires burn | Which side are you on, | |
| but you don't hear the | now? | |
| call. | Which side are you on? | |

SPOKEN CHANTS

Whose streets? Our
streets! Whose [water,
air, city, etc.]?

[Lead] **What do we want?**
[Everybody] **Climate
Justice!**

We are unstoppable /
Another world is possible

[Lead] **When do we want
it?**

Tell me what democracy
looks like! / This is what
democracy looks like!

[Everybody] **Now!**
[repeat 4x]

No more coal, no more oil
/ Keep your carbon in the
soil!

[Lead] **If we don't get it?**
[Everybody] **Shut it down!**
[Lead] **If we don't get it?**
[Everybody] **Shut it down!**
[repeat 2x]

When the land we love is
under attack, what do we
do?

Stand up, fight back!

When the air we breathe
is under attack, what do
we do?

Stand up, fight back!

When the water we drink
is under attack, what do
we do?

Stand up, fight back!

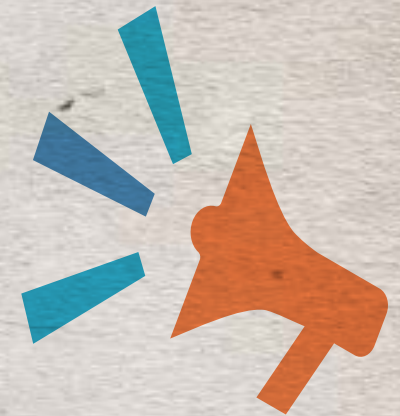
When the planet we need
is under attack, what do
we do?

Stand up, fight back!

What do we do?

Stand up, fight back!

[repeat and modify]





**GROUNDING IN HOPE,
MOVING TO ACTION**

ASHREI

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Words in Hebrew from Psalm 145. Words in English and music by Aly Halpert.

 LISTEN HERE

G Am

Ashrei yosh'vei

Am G

Ashrei yosh'vei beiteicha

Am G

Ashrei yosh'vei beiteicha, od yehalelukha

Am G Am

Selah

I sing for you

I sing for what is holy and is true

I sing for all creation, for life and liberation

Everyday anew

DOWN THE WELL

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Sarina Partridge

 LISTEN HERE

I will go down to the well
Let the water ring me like a bell
Let the water rock me like a child
For this well will not run dry
No, this well will not run dry

HINEI MAH TOV

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Words in Hebrew from Psalm 133. Words in English and music by Elana Arian.



Part 1:

Hinei mah tov u'ma na'im shevet achim gam yachad

Part 2:

How good it is, how sweet it is, to be together on this day!

Part 3:

Shalom aleichem, salaam aleikum



HOPE WITH OUR HANDS

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Zo Tobi

 LISTEN HERE

 TEACHING VIDEO

 SHEET MUSIC

 SONGBOOK

This ground below us
Is holy, holy
This air that breathes
us
Is holy, holy

Chorus:
So we're gonna hope
with our hands
We're gonna pray with
our feet
For the world in our
hearts
For the world that we
need

This bush is burning
This water's rising
Our Earth is hurting
Our people crying

So mercy, mercy
May we meet this
moment
This world unfinished
But never broken

And courage, courage
May we guard
Creation
For every thousandth
New generation

LIGHT IS RETURNING

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Charlie Murphy &
Jami Sieber

 LISTEN HERE - CHORDS

 LISTEN HERE

Am

Light is returning
Even though this is the darkest hour

G Am

No one can hold back the dawn

Let's keep it burning
Let's keep the light of hope alive
Make safe our journey through the storm

One planet is turning
Circles on her path around the Sun
Earth Mother is calling her children home

L'DOR VADOR

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Rena Branson

 LISTEN HERE

 TEACHING VIDEO

 SHEET MUSIC - SCORE

 SHEET MUSIC - LYRICS

G C
L'dor vador ancestors call from the waters

G C D
L'dor vador children shout from the trees

G C F
Generations to come demand that we act now

C D G
to heal the earth for all to thrive under the sun

Ya-da-da-dai...

לְדוֹר וָדוֹר

(“From generation to generation”)

LECHA DODI

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Words from traditional
Friday night liturgy. Music
by Cantor George Mordecai.

 LISTEN HERE

G C G C G C D G
Lecha dodi likrat kalah p'nei Shabbat nekabelah
Em G C D G
p'nei Shabbat nekabelah

C G C G
Shamor v'zachor b'dibur echad,
C G C D G
Hishmi'anu el ha'meyuchad.
C G C G
Adonai echad u'shmo echad;
C C C D G
L'shem ul'tiferet v'l'tehila.



LO ALECHA

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Hebrew from Pirkei Avot 2:16. Music and English by Kol B'Seder, Cantor Jeff Clepper, and Rabbi Dan Frelander.



“It is not your duty to fix the world,
but neither are you free to quit trying.”

C G

Lo alecha ham'lacha ligmor

C D G

Lo alecha ligmor (2x)

C D G B7 Em

V'lo atah ben chorin l'hibatel mimennah

C D G C G

V'lo atah ben chorin (2x)

MAY I BE EMPTY

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Batya Levine

 LISTEN HERE

C
May I be empty
F
And open to receive
C
the light
C
May I be empty
G C
And open to receive
May I be full
And open to receive
the light
May I be full

And open to receive
May I be empty
And open to receive
the dark
May I be empty
And open to receive
May I be full
And open to receive
the dark
May I be full
And open to receive

MAY THE LIFE I LEAD

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Traditional Appalachian
Hymn



G
May the life I lead
C G
speak for me
G
May the life I lead
D
speak for me
G
When I get to the end
C
of my road
G
And I lay down my

C
heavy load
G
May the life I lead
D G
speak for me

Alternate:
Let the life I lead
speak for me (x2)
When I'm lying in my
grave
And there's nothing
more to say

Let the life I lead
speak for me.

*Options for additional
verses:*

“Let the love I
share...”, “Let the
friends I make”, “Let
the love I share” “Let
the work I do...”, “Let
the songs I sing” etc.

MIMAINEI

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Words in Hebrew from
Isaiah 12:3. Words in
English and music by Avra
Shapiro in collaboration
with Yael Schonzeit.



A G
Mimma'ainei hayshu'ah

G C G
u'Shavtem mayim besason

G C D
We draw from the wellsprings of liberation
(Adapted from Isaiah 12:3)

Mayim Chayyim
Water is life / Living waters



MIN HAMEITZAR / FROM THE NARROWS

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Words from Psalm 118.
Music by Aviva Chernick.



Capo 3

Am G Am

Min hameitzar karati yah,

Am G Am

Min hameitzar karati yah,

Am G A G Am

anani bamerchav yah

Am G Am

I call to you from the narrows,

Am D Am

From the narrows, I call to you from the narrow place

MISHPACHA NIGUN

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Molly Bajgot

 LISTEN HERE

Gm Cm Gm (2x)

Cm Gm Cm Gm

Cm Gm F Gm

Gm Cm Ab G

Gm Cm Abm Gm

O, THE WORLD IS CHANGING

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Carol Anshein



A
O, the world is changing

A
And I am with it

D
O the world is changing

D A
And I am changing too



OLAM CHESED YIBANEH

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Rabbi Menachem Creditor



Em D C D Em

Ooooh ooooh, day day day nyay nyay yay yay (x2)

Em D C D Em

Olam chesed yibaneh, day day day nyay nyay yay yay (x2)

Olam chesed yibaneh, day day day nyay nyay yay yay (x2)

I will build this world from love, day day day nyay nyay yay yay

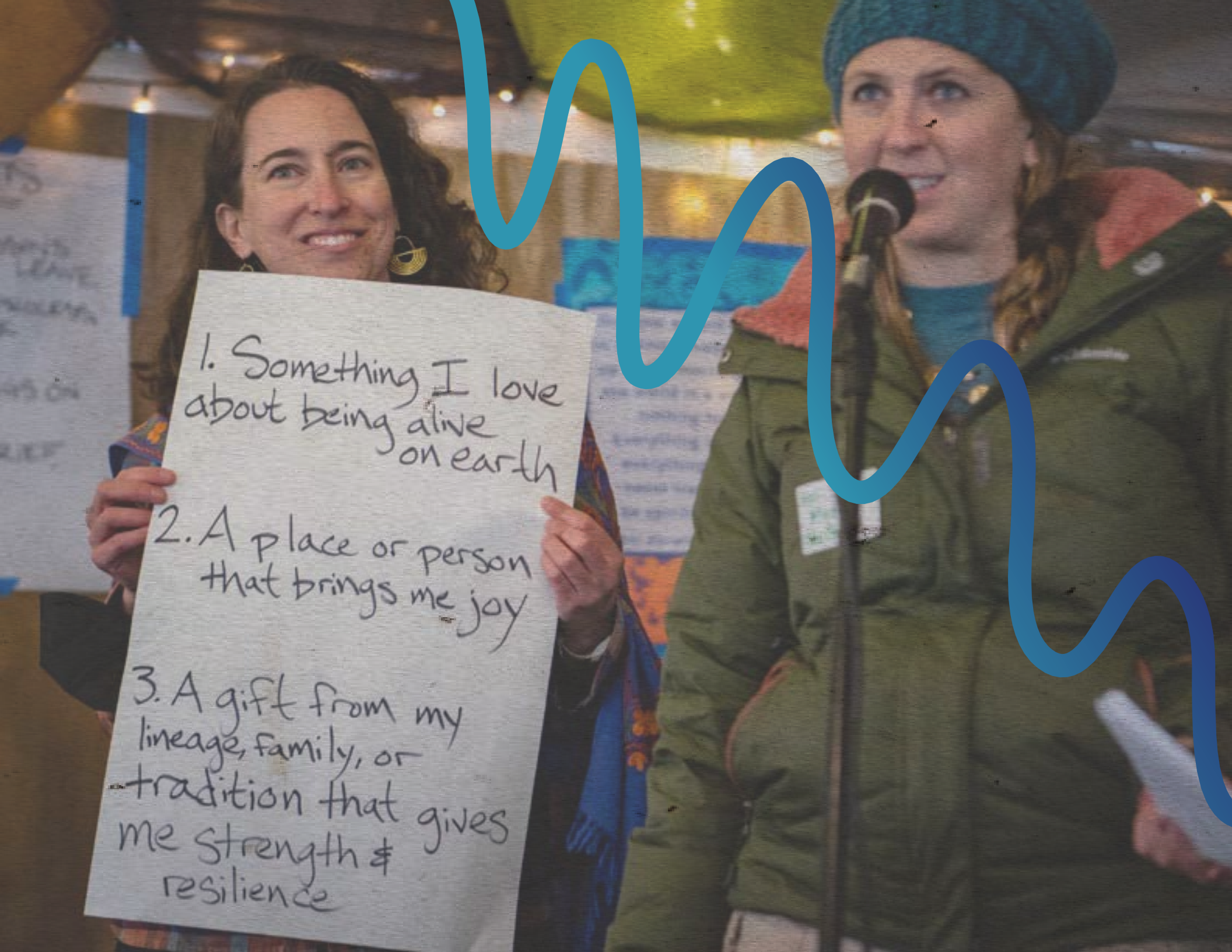
And you must build this world from love, day day day nyay nyay yay yay

And if we build this world from love, day day day nyay nyay yay yay

Then God will build this world from love, day day day nyay nyay yay yay

Olam chesed yibaneh, day day day nyay nyay yay yay (x2)

Olam chesed yibaneh, day day day nyay nyay yay yay (x2)



1. Something I love about being alive on earth

2. A place or person that brings me joy

3. A gift from my lineage, family, or tradition that gives me strength & resilience

OPEN UP THE GATES

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Words by Rabbi Yosef
Berman and Batya Levine.
Music from Moshe Shur's
"Galeh."



Bb Db
Open, open up the gates for

Eb
All who gather here

Db
Open up the gates for

Ab Bb
all who seek your presence

Open, open up the gates of
Kindness and compassion
Open up the gates of
Wholeness and peace

Open, open up the gates of
Freedom and justice
Open up the gates of
Liberation

Open, open up the gates of
Change and release
Open up the gates of
Transformation

Open, open up the gates of
Healing and forgiveness
Open up the gates of
Reconciliation

Open, open up the gates of
Listening and patience
Open up the gates of
Humility

Open, open up the gates of
Prayer and wisdom
Open up the gates of
Intuition

Open, open up the gates of
Equity and honor
Open up the gates of
Dignity

Open, open up the gates of
Torah and blessing

Open up the gates of
Gratitude and learning

Open, open up the gates of
Love and connection
Open up the gates of
Giving and receiving

Open, open up the gates of
Trust and pleasure
Open up the gates of
Abundance

Open, open up the gates of
Joy and resilience
Open up the gates of
Liberation

OUR POWER

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Words in Hebrew from
Shabbat morning liturgy.
Words in English and
music by Rena Branson.



We will not underestimate
our power any longer—
we know that together, we are strong.

Like drops of water shape the rocks
as they rush down the falls,
we know that together, we are strong.

שִׁירָה חֲדָשָׁה שִׁבְחוּ גְאוּלִּים לְשִׁמְחָה עַל־שִׁפְתַּי הַיָּם יַחַד כָּלָם הוֹדוּ
Shira chadasha shibchu ge'ulim l'shimcha al sfat hayam, yachad kulam hodu

("With newborn song, liberated people praised Your name on the lip of the sea.
All were one in thanks." - Shacharit morning liturgy)

PUT YOUR ROOTS DOWN

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Molly Hartwell

 LISTEN HERE

Put your roots down

Put your feet on the ground

You can hear what she says if you listen

Cause the sound of the river as it moves across
the stones

Is the same sound as the blood in your body as it
moves across your bones

Are you listening?

RETURN ANEW

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Rena Branson



G

Return, return anew

G

To the breath that is moving through

C

Am

To the repair that you're called to do

C

D

G

To the healing that's ripe for you

Yai Dai Dai

RESILIENT

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Rising Appalachia



I am resilient
I trust the movement
I negate the chaos
Uplift the negative
I'll show up at the table,
again and again and again
I'll close my mouth and
learn to listen
These times are poignant
The winds have shifted
It's all we can do
To stay uplifted
Pipelines through
backyards
Wolves howlin' out front
Yeah, I got my crew but
truth is what I want
Realigned and on point
Power to the peaceful
Prayers to the waters

Women at the center
All vessels open to give and
receive
Let's see the system
brought down to it's knees
I'm made of thunder
I'm made of lightning
I'm made of dirt (yeah)
Made of the fine things
My father taught me that
I'm a speck of dust
And this world was made
for me
So let's go and try our luck
I got my roots down, down,
down, down
Down, down, down, down,
down, deep
I got my roots down, down,
down, down

Down, down, down, down,
down, deep
So what are we doing here?
What has been done?
What are you gonna do
about it when the world
comes undone?
My voice feels tiny and I'm
sure so does yours
But put us all together we
make a mighty roar
I am resilient
I trust the movement
I negate the chaos
Uplift the negative
I'll show up at the table,
again and again and again
I'll close my mouth and
learn to listen

SHE RENEWS

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Itai Gal



Em D Eb F7
Em D Eb Em

Em
She renews the world every
day

D Eb
She renews the world every
day

F7
day

Em
She renews the world every
day

C D Em
She creates in love and
wisdom

Em D
And all of the universe full
of Her infinite light

Em
And all of the universe full
of Her infinite light

[Verse 1]

Em
Who's building borders of
steel and concrete

D
Letting us believe we're
incomplete

Em
Keeping us separated and
killing our fun

D
Keep us trusting the men
with the guns

C
Thinking what we require
for our self-worth

D Eb F7
Depends on acquiring more

of the Earth

C
Who let us believe we need
anything other

D Eb
Than seeing the face of the
F7
Source in each other

[Chorus]

She renews the world every
day

She renews the world every
day

She renews the world every
day

She creates in love and
wisdom

And all of the universe full
of Her infinite light

And all of the universe full

SHE RENEWS CONTINUED

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Itai Gal



of Her infinite light

[Verse 2]

Abundance is when
ordinary sensation

Inspires divine fascination
And when I've got this I will
not fear

It's a well that will not
disappear

And the only thing I've got
to do

Is to share my abundance
with you

Because there is no
property there are no
nations

There's only love in our
liberation

[Chorus]

She renews the world every
day

She renews the world every
day

She renews the world every
day

She creates in love and
wisdom

And all of the universe full
of Her infinite light

And all of the universe full
of Her infinite light

[Verse 3]

Abundance is when
ordinary sensation

Inspires divine fascination
And when I've got this I will
not fear

It's a well that will not
disappear

And the only thing I've got
to do

Is to share my abundance

with you

'Cause the Earth's only
borders are waters and
mountains

Happy are those who drink
from this fountain

[Outro]

You renew the world every
day...

We renew the world every
day...

*Mah rabu ma'asekha Yah
Kulam b'chokhmah 'asitah
Melo kol ha'aretz melo kol
ha'aretz kvodo*

SUNRISE NIGUN

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz

LISTEN HERE

Part 1:

C G D C G

Part 2:

F C F C

F C G C

TA'ALI

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Salim Halali

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Gm F C

Gm F#dim Gm

TEYN DATCHA (TAKE HEED!)

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Yoshi Silverstein



תֵּן דַּעְתְּךָ שְׁלֵא תִּקְלֵ-
קֵל וְתַחְרִיב אֶת עוֹלָמִי
שָׂאֵם קִלְקֵלֶתָ אֵין מִי
שִׂיתְקוּן אַחֲרֶיךָ

*Teyn datcha she'lo t'kalkel
v'tachariv et olami; she'im
kilkalta ayn mi she'takein
acharecha*

Pay attention that you do
not corrupt and destroy
My world:
if you corrupt it, there is
no one to repair it after
you (Midrash Kohelet
Rabbah 7:13)

[Intro riff]
Em - Em - Em - G
Em
Listen Here! Why can't

G
you see?
Em
The storm is here
G
surrounding me

Em
It's hard to breathe It's
G
hard to hear
G
The fires burn, Smoke

D
fills the air
D
The home we knew it's
Am
barely there ...

[chorus]
D Am
Teyn datcha she'lo
D
t'kalkel v'tachariv et
Am
olami
D Am
She'im kilkalta ayn mi
D Am
she'takein acharecha

TEYN DATCHA CONTINUED

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Yoshi Silverstein



[Intro riff]
Em - Em - Em - G

Em
The rains they fall and
G
soak the ground

Em
The water rises all
G
around
Em
What can I do? It's not on
G
me
G
It's all so big –

D
impossibly –
D
I'm trying to hear but I
Am
can't see ...

[chorus]
D Am
Teyn datcha she'lo
D
t'kalkel v'tachariv et
Am
olami
D Am
She'im kilkalta ayn mi
D Am
she'takein acharecha

[bridge]
C G
If we truly learn to hear
C
Give gracefully, share
G
without fear
C
Open our hearts open our
G
souls
F Em
Let love take hold
A
Let us be bold

[chorus]

TOWARDS JUSTICE

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Eliana Light, drawing on
Theodore Parker and Amos
5:24

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 TEACHING VIDEO

C F
Lord, give me the strength to bend
The arc of the universe
Am G
Towards justice towards justice
C
Lord, give me the strength to bend
Am
The arc of the universe
F G
Towards justice, with love, Amen.

Vayigal ka'mayim, mishpat, u'tzedakah, k'nachal eitan
But let justice well up as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.
(Amos 5:24)



WATER ALLEGIANCE

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Sarina Partridge

 [LISTEN HERE](#)

Water, you connect us
Heal us, hold us
Water protectors -
We stand with you
We stand with you

Water, we pledge allegiance to your sanctity
Water, we stand with you
We stand with you

WE RISE

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Batya Levine



Em D Em
We rise, humbly
hearted
Em D Em
Rise, won't be divided
Em D Em
Rise, with spirit to
guide us,
Em D Em
Rise!

Em G Em
In hope, in prayer, we
find ourselves here
Em G
In hope, in prayer,
C D Em

we're right here
(x2)

We rise, all of the
children
Rise, elders with
wisdom
Rise, ancestors
surround us, Rise!

In hope, in prayer, we
find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're
right here
(x2)

We rise, up from the

wreckage
Rise, with tears and
with courage
Rise, fighting for life,
We rise!

In hope, in prayer, we
find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're
right here
(x2)

And we rise, humbly
hearted
Rise, won't be divided
Rise, with spirit to
guide us, Rise!

WE SHALL BE KNOWN

MUSIC AND LYRICS

MaMuse

 LISTEN HERE - CHOIR

 LISTEN HERE - 2 VOICES

G C G
We shall be known by the company we keep
G D G
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

C G C G
It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
C D G
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
C G C G
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
C D Em
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love
C D G
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love

WHEN THE WORLD IS SICK

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Silver Mount Zion Orchestra

 LISTEN HERE

C

When the world is sick, can't no one be well,

G

C

but I dreamt we were all beautiful and strong.





HEALING SONGS

ALL THE LEAVES

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Batya Levine

 LISTEN HERE

Am

G

Am

All the leaves have fallen down, have fallen down

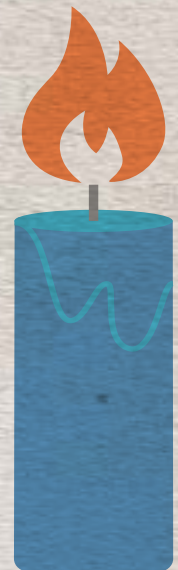
All the leaves have fallen down, have fallen down

I am the water, earth, fire & wind

Dig deep my roots and return again

I am the water, earth, fire & wind

Return again



AS WIND, AS WATER

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Margot Seigle

 LISTEN HERE

G
As wind,
C
As water,
G C
As fire,
G
As life
God is Change.
God
Is both creative and destructive,
Demanding and yielding,
Sculptor and clay.

BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Aly Halpert



G C
We are a beautiful people
G
though our hearts are
C
broken
G C D
We sing for justice, and
G D G C G
wholeness
We are a beautiful people
though our hearts are
broken
We know that we are not
alone
Right here we are home

You have taken a universe
You have taken a mountain
Our voices echo in the hills
C G
They will not divide us
C G
We will not abide this
C G
We know that together
D
We'll be free
G D
Mourning tragedy
G C D
Our safety is with each
other

We are a beautiful people
though our hearts are
broken
We sing for justice, and
wholeness
We are a beautiful people
though our hearts are
broken
We know that we are not
alone
Right here we are home

toch emunei am segulah
(repeated)

BE WITH ME

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Koach Maruch Frazier



Am
Be with me, Yah

Em Am

Be with me

C

Be with me, Yah

E7

Be with me

Am Em

While I'm on this

Am E7
Freedom journey

Am

Be with me, Yah

E7 Am

Be with me

BLESSED MOTION

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Annie Zylstra



Am G G Am

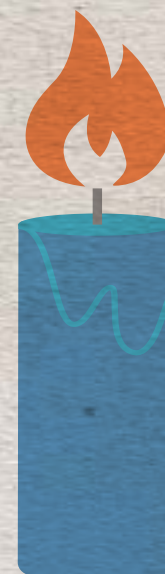
I believed in solid ground until I saw the earth in motion,

Am G G Am

In the winds of steady change and in the ever-rolling ocean.

All moves on in perfect motion.

All is change and every-rolling ocean.



COMEDOWN NIGUN

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Arielle Rivera Korman

 LISTEN HERE

Am F Am F Am F Dm G Am

F Dm Am Dm G Am

F Dm Am

F G Am

F Dm Am

F G Am G F

F

FORGET YOUR PERFECT OFFERING

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Wildchoir, based on lyrics
by Leonard Cohen

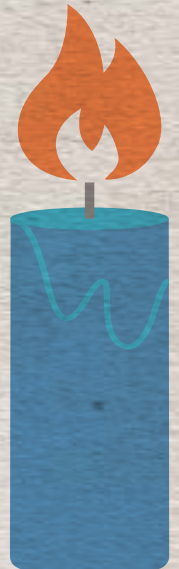
 LISTEN HERE

Bm

Forget your perfect offering
Just ring the bell that still can ring
There is a crack in everything

Em Bm

That's how the light gets in



GREAT WATERS

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Lyrics from the Hebrew blessing over immersing in a mikveh. Music and English lyrics by Sol Weiss.



C
Great waters, great
F
waters pour over
C
me
C F C
For I am your child
C G
Make me yours
C
again

Great waters, great
waters pour over
me
Heal my broken
places
Make me whole
again
Great waters, great
waters pour over
me

Prepare me for this
life (love) you've
given me
For I am yours
again
*Barukh atah Adonay
Eloheynu ruach ha-
olam, asher kidshanu
b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu
al ha-t'vilah.*



I TRUST MY BODY

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Arielle Rivera Korman



Days when I don't trust
my family

Days when I don't trust
my friends

I trust my body, deep
down in my core

Days when I don't trust
my leaders

Days when I don't trust
my teachers

I trust my body, deep
down in my core

Days when I don't trust
my lover

Days when I don't trust
my God

I trust my body, deep
down in my core

Oh my body, oy oy oy oy
Oh my body oy oy oy oy

I trust my body, my
shaking body

I trust my body, deep
down in my core

Oh my body, oy oy oy oy
Oh my body oy oy oy oy

I trust my body, my
brilliant body

I trust my body, deep
down in my core

Oh my body, oy oy oy oy
Oh my body oy oy oy oy

I trust my body, down
in my kishkes

I trust my body, deep
down in my core

IF NOT NOW

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Carrie Newcomer



| | | | |
|---------------------|-----|----------------------|----------------------|
| Chorus: | C | If not now, if not | If not now, if not |
| G C | | now, tell me when | now, tell me when |
| If not now, tell me | D G | | |
| G | | now, tell me when | Verse 2: |
| when | | | I may never see the |
| G C | | Verse 1: | promised land |
| If not now, tell me | | I see sorrow and | I may never see the |
| G | | trouble in this land | promised land |
| when | | I see sorrow and | And yet we take the |
| Em | | trouble in this land | journey and we'll |
| We may never see | | Although there will | walk it hand in hand |
| this moment or | | be struggle, we'll | If not now, if not |
| C G | | make the change we | now, tell me when |
| place or time again | | can | |

IF NOT NOW CONTINUED

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Carrie Newcomer



| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Bridge: | D | shining now and |
| C D | something better | then |
| We'll work it till its | G | If not now, if not |
| G | Something brighter | now, tell me when |
| done | | |
| C D | Verse 3: | And miracles do |
| Every daughter every | And it will take a | happen every |
| G | change of heart for | shining now and |
| son | this to mend | then |
| C | It will take a change | If not now, if not |
| And every soul that's | of heart for this to | now, tell me when |
| D G | mend | If not now, if not |
| ever longed for | But miracles do | now, tell me when |
| | happen every | |

KAROV

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Batya Levine

 LISTEN HERE

Am Dm Am

Karov Hashem l'chol kor'av

Am Dm Em Am

L'chol asher yikre'uhu b'emet

KISHKE NIGUN

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Margot Seigle

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LAYEHUDIM

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Hebrew from Esther 8:16
and Havdalah liturgy. Music
by Noam Katz.

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 LISTEN HERE - LIVE

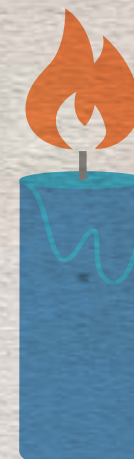
E A E

Layehudim haytah ora v'simcha v'sasson vikar

E A E

Ken tihyeh lanu

The Jews were blessed with light, gladness, joy, and
honor - may we be as well



L'DOR VADOR WE ENDURE

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Hebrew from Shabbat liturgy. Music and English by Rabbi Noam Lerman.



*L'dor vador, l'dor vador,
l'dor vador nagid
gadlecha.*

*L'dor vador, l'dor vador,
l'dor vador nagid
gadlecha.*

*Ool'netzach n'tzachim
k'dooshat'cha nakdish,
k'dooshat'cha nakdish.
V'shivchacha, Eloheinu,
mipinoo lo yamoosh,
l'olam va'ed
l'olam va'ed
l'olam va'ed*

**From generation to
generation we tell our
stories**

**We struggle and sing
for collective unified
wholeness**

**Our mouths and
hearts will not be
silent throughout
space and time**

**We are guided by our
holy eternal flame**

We will endure

We will endure

Am Am Dm Dm G G Am Am
Am Am Dm Dm C E Am Am
Am Am Dm Dm C E Am Am
Am Am Dm Dm C E Am Am
Am (fingerpick directly
into) C G Dm Am
Am (fingerpick) C G Am Am
Am (fingerpick) C G Dm Am
Am (fingerpick) C G Am Am

LE'OVDAH U'LE'SHOMRAH

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Hebrew from Genesis 2:15.
Music and English by
Rabbi Louis Polisson and
Gabiella Feingold.



לְעִבְדָּהּ וּלְשׁוּמְרָהּ

L'ovdah ul'shomrah (to serve
and to protect)

Le'ovdah ule'shomrah (x2),
[Repeat x3]

The storms, they crash, and
the fires burn

The rivers flood, and you
don't know where to turn
Give me your hand
And we'll stand together
For a better day

Le'ovdah ule'shomrah (x2)
We will serve the earth and
protect our home
Stand for truth, for justice,
for hope

They may turn away and
pretend that they don't see
But still we say "for our
children to be free
we must change our
course,
let go of the greed
and make a better day"

We'll show them how we
can heal our dying roots
We'll work the ground
and they'll see the flowers
bloom

The-sun comes up again
Though we've got no time
to lose
We're on our way

Le'ovdah ule'shomrah (x2)
We will serve the earth and
protect our home
Stand for truth, for justice,
for hope
[Repeat x2]

Le'ovdah ule'shomrah (x2)
[Repeat x3]

Le'ovdah ule'shomrah (x2)
We will serve the earth and
protect our home
Stand for truth, for justice,
for hope
Be the truth, the justice,
the hope
We are truth, and justice,
and hope

LOOSEN

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Aly Halpert



Am
Loosen, loosen,
baby
C
You don't have to
carry
C
The weight of
G
the world in your
Am
muscles and bones
Am G Am
Let go, let go, let go

Holy breath, and
holy name
Will you ease, will
you ease this pain

Oh holy breath, and
holy name, will you
ease this pain?

Oh holy breath, will
you ease this pain
Will you ease this
pain

Will you ease this
pain

Loosen, loosen,
baby
You don't have to
carry
The weight of
the world in your
muscles and bones
Let go, let go, let
go...

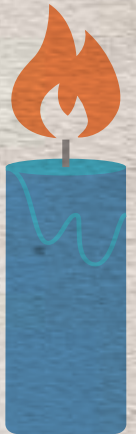
OD YAVO SHALOM ALEINU

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Sheva



| | | | | | |
|-------|---------------------------|-----|------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| C | Od yavo' shalom aleinu | F | Aleinu ve al kol ha olam, | Em | upon us and on everyone. |
| F | Od yavo' shalom aleinu | C F | Salaam, Salaam (x2) | | Salaam ('peace' in Arabic) |
| C | Od yavo' shalom aleinu | | Salaam (Salaam) | | On us and on everyone |
| F G C | Ve al kulam (x2) | | (ENGLISH) | | Salaam, Salaam |
| C | Salaam (Salaam) | | Peace will come upon us | | |
| | | | Peace will come upon us | | |
| | | | Peace will come | | |



SHRBIL

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Lyrics by Neta Elkayam, inspired by an ancient Jewish song from the Atlas region. Music by Amit Hai Cohen.

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Intro
Bm A
Bm A
Song
Bm

Note: simplified, the melody largely sits on an A minor

شربيل جابه دلالي
أنا جاني من تازة
الحممام اللي كان ف الغايبة
ما بغى يولي ل بلاده

بسم الله بدينا يا لالة
و بسم الله باش بديت
نحكي و نقول معودة
اللي تخيلت

ونعود ونقولها ل راسي
كيما جرات ليه
تصويرة لقيتها ف دارك
انا جاتي من اللي فات
الحممام اللي كان ف الغايبة
ما بغا يوالي ل بلاده

Shrbil jabo dilali
Ana jani min taza
Alhammam illi kan f'al-
ghaiba
Ma bagha yuli l'bilado

Shrbil jabo dilali
Ana jani min taza
Alhammam illi kant f'al-
ghaiba
Ma baghat tu'uli l'biladha

Bismillah bdina ya lala
Wa bismillah bash bideit
Tehki wanagul ma'auda
Illi tkhailt
Wana'ud wanaqulha l'rasi
Kima jarat leiya

Tasuira laqeitha f'darak
Ana jatni min illi fat
Alhammam illi kan
f'alghaiba
Ma bagha yuli bladu

WHEN I WAS YOUNG

MUSIC AND LYRICS

T'Jen Bishop



| | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| When I was young | Had my own | Held all my |
| I was the sun | vision | friends |
| Shone through | | Throughout the |
| the trees | When I was young | end |
| Down to the | I was the river | |
| ground | Flowed through | I am I am (x4) |
| | the mountain | We are (x4) |
| When I was young | Into the sea | |
| I was the | | (repeat with “when |
| mountain | When I was old | I was old”) |
| Knew all the birds | I was the ocean | |



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