RISING TIDES, RISING VOICES

SONGS FOR THE JEWISH CLIMATE MOVEMENT

DAYENU
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.
These shorter, simple songs and chants are particularly good for teaching relatively quickly to large groups. Don’t be afraid to use a nigun (wordless melody); doing so brings a decidedly Jewish and subtly powerful energy to a protest or action.

**Calling all the Warriors** by Dina Erie & Thrive Choir

**Courage** – South African Anti-Apartheid Movement Song

**Enough / Dayenu** – by Sarah Beller

**Never Alone** by The Peace Poets

**Ozi V’zimrat Yah** by Rabbi Shefa Gold

**The Moment** by Arielle Rivera Korman

**The Tide is Rising** by Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman and Yotam Schachter

**The Protectors** by The Peace Poets

**Tree Nigun** by Rabbi Noam Lerman

**Tu Bishvat Nigun** by Batya Levine

**We Stand** by The Peace Poets

**We’ve Got the Power** by Sarina Partridge

**Where You Go** by Shoshana Jedwab

**Which Side Are You On** by Florence Reese and Sunrise Movement

**Spoken Chants**

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!

**Ashrei** by Aly Halpert

**Down to the Well** by Sarina Partridge

**Hinei Mah Tov** by Elana Arian

**Hope with Our Hands** by Zo Tobi

**Light is Returning** by Charlie Murphy and Jami Sieber

**L’dor Vador** by Rena Branson

**Lecha Dodi** by Rabbi Hazzan and George Mordecai

**Lo Alecha** by Kol B’Seder

**May I Be Empty** by Batya Levine

**May the Life I Lead** by Traditional Spiritual

**Mimainei** by Avra Shapiro in collaboration with Yael Schonzeit

**Min HaMeitzar** (From the Narrows) by Aviva Chernick

**Mishpacha Nigun** by Molly Bajgot

**O, The World Is Changing** by Carol Anshien

**Olam Chesed Yibaneh** by Rabbi Menachem Creditor
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.

**Open up the Gates** by Moshe Shur’s “Galeh” with lyrics by Rabbi Yosef Berman and Batya Levine

**Our Power** by Rena Branson

**Put Your Roots Down** by Molly Hartwell

**Return Anew** by Rena Branson

**Resilient** by Rising Appalachia

**She Renews** by Itai Gal

**Sunrise Nigun** by Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz

**Ta’ali** by Salim Halali (Sung by Neta Elkayam)

**Teyn Datcha (Take Heed!)** by Yoshi Silverstein

**Towards Justice** by Eliana Light

**Water Allegiance** by Sarina Partridge

**We Rise** by Batya Levine

**We Shall Be Known** by Mamuse

**When the World is Sick** by Silver Mount Zion Orchestra

**All the Leaves** by Batya Levine

**As Wind, as Water** by Margot Seigle

**Beautiful People** by Aly Halpert

**Be With Me** by Koach Baruch Frazier

**Blessed Motion** by Annie Zylstra

**Comedown Nigun** by Arielle Rivera Korman

**Forget Your Perfect Offering** by Wildchoir

**Great Waters** by Sol Weiss

**I Trust My Body** by Arielle Rivera Korman

**If Not Now** by Carrie Newcomer

**Karov** by Batya Levine

**Kishke Nigun** by Margot Seigle

**Layehudim** by Noam Katz

**L’dor Vador We Endure** by Rabbi Noam Lerman

**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
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, my friend
You do not walk alone
We will walk with you
And sing your spirit home
(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!
I have not come here alone
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

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)
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
A
time!

The tide is rising and so are we!
The tide is rising and so are we!
The tide is rising and so are we!
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...”
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
MUSIC AND LYRICS

Rabbi Noam Lerman

LISTEN HERE

Bm    F#m
Bm    F#m
Bm    F#m
E      Bm

TREE NIGUN
TU BISHVAT NIGUN

Batya Levine

MUSIC AND LYRICS

F C C G
C F
F C C G
C F....

LISTEN HERE
DAYENU! ENOUGH!
CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW!
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....
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

**LISTEN HERE**

Bb
Where you go I will Gm
go, beloved (refugee, Gm
Mother Earth, Bb
children, ancestors)
Where you lie I will lie
Bb go
Bb Where you go I will go
Bb Where you lie I will lie
Gm lie, beloved (refugee, Gm
Mother Earth, Bb
children, ancestors)
Where you lie I will lie
Bb And your people are
Eb my people
Bb Your people are mine
Eb Your people are my
Eb people
Bb Your divine my divine
Am
Which side are you
on?
Which side are you
on?
Which side are you on,
now?
Am Em Am
Which side are you
on?

Storms surge and
fires burn
but you don’t hear the
call.

Cause fossil fuels keep
paying you
Does it weigh on you at
all?

Which side are you on?

Does it weigh on you at
all?

Which side are you on,
now?

Which side are you on?

Which side are you on?

Corporations raised you
up but we can make
you fall.
They picked a war with
our generation --
Does it weigh on you at
all?

Does it weigh on you at
all?

Does it weigh on you at
all?
Whose streets? Our streets! Whose [water, air, city, etc.]?

We are unstoppable / Another world is possible

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

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

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

[Lead] When do we want it?
[Everybody] Now!

[Repeat 4x]

[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!
GROUNDING IN HOPE,
MOVING TO ACTION
I sing for you
I sing for what is holy and is true
I sing for all creation, for life and liberation
Everyday anew
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
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_
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
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

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....

לדור ודור

(“From generation to generation”)

Rena Branson

MUSIC AND LYRICS
LISTEN HERE
TEACHING VIDEO
SHEET MUSIC - SCORE
SHEET MUSIC - LYRICS
words from traditional Friday night liturgy. Music by Cantor George Mordecai.

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'anus el ha'meyuchad.
C G C G
Adonai echad u'shmo echad;
C C C D G
L'shem ul'tiferet v'l'tehila.
“It is not your duty to fix the world, but neither are you free to quit trying.”

Lo alecha ham’lacha ligmor

Lo alecha ligmor (2x)

V’lo atah ben chorin l’hibatel mimennah

V’lo atah ben chorin (2x)
May I be empty
And open to receive
the light
May I be full
And open to receive
the light
May I be empty
And open to receive
the dark
May I be full
And open to receive
the dark
May I be empty
And open to receive
the dark
May I be full
And open to receive
the dark
MAY THE LIFE I LEAD

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.

LISTEN HERE

A   G
Mimma’ainei hayshu’ah
G   C   G
u’Shavtem mayim besason
G   C
We draw from the wellsprings of liberation
D
(Adapted from Isaiah 12:3)

Mayim Chayyim
Water is life / Living waters
MIN HAMEITZAR / FROM THE NARROWS

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

Gm Cm Gm (2x)
Cm Gm Cm Gm
Cm Gm F Gm
Gm Cm Ab G
Gm Cm Abm Gm

Molly Bajgot

LISTEN HERE
O, the world is changing
And I am with it

O the world is changing
And I am changing too
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, open up the gates for Eb
All who gather here
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
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.

_highlighted-text_ ("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
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, return anew
To the breath that is moving through
To the repair that you're called to do
To the healing that's ripe for you

Yai Dai Dai
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, deep
I got my roots down, down, down, down, down, deep
I got my roots down, down, down, deep
I got my roots down, down, down, down, down, deep

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

LISTEN HERE

Em D Eb F7
Em D Eb Em
Em
She renews the world every day
D          Eb
She renews the world every 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 Em
of Her infinite light
And all of the universe full of Her infinite light

[Verse 1]
Em
Who’s building borders of steel and concrete D
Em
Letting us believe we’re Em
incomplete
Em
Keeping us separated and killing our fun D
Em
Keep us trusting the men Em
with the guns C
Em
Thinking what we require Em
for our self-worth D       Eb       F7
Depends on acquiring more
of the Earth
Of C
Who let us believe we need Em
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

FOR THE STREETS
HOPE + ACTION
HEALING
CONTENTS
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.

[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 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
Salim Halali

Gm F C
Gm F#dim Gm
TEYN DATCHA (TAKE HEED!)

**MUSIC AND LYRICS**

Yoshi Silverstein

**LISTEN HERE**

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 you see?
G

Em
The storm is here
G
surrounding me

Em
It’s hard to breathe It’s hard to hear
G

The fires burn, Smoke

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

[chorus]
D Am
Teyn datcha she’lo
D
t’kalkel v’tachariv et
Am
olami
D Am
She’im kilkalta ayn mi she’takein acharecha
[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          Am
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]
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’amayim, mishpat, u’tzedakah, k’nachal eitan
But let justice well up as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.
(Amos 5:24)
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
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)

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

C D Em
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 by the company we keep
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

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love
When the world is sick, can't no one be well,

but I dreamt we were all beautiful and strong.
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,
As fire,
As life
God is Change.
God
Is both creative and destructive,
Demanding and yielding,
Sculptor and clay.
We are a beautiful people though our hearts are broken
We sing for justice, and wholeness
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
They will not divide us
We will not abide this
We know that together
We’ll be free
Mourning tragedy
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)
Dr. Koach Baruch Frazier

**MUSIC AND LYRICS**

**LISTEN HERE**

Be with me, Yah

Be with me

Be with me, Yah

Be with me

**Am**

**Em**

**Am**

**C**

**Be with me, Yah**

**Be with me**

**While I’m on this**

**Am**

**E7**

**Freedom journey**

**Am**

**Be with me, Yah**

**Be with me**

**E7**

**Am**

**Be with me**

**E7**

**Am**

**Be with me**
I believed in solid ground until I saw the earth in motion,

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

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

For I am your child

Make me yours 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
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
I trust my body, down in my kishkes
I trust my body, deep down in my core
Chorus:

C G C
If not now, tell me
G
when
G C
If not now, tell me
G
when
Em
We may never see
this moment or
C G
place or time again
C
If not now, if not
D G
now, tell me when
Verse 1:
I see sorrow and
trouble in this land
I see sorrow and
trouble in this land
Although there will
be struggle, we’ll
make the change we
can
If not now, if not
now, tell me when
Verse 2:
I may never see the
promised land
I may never see the
promised land
And yet we take the
journey and we’ll
walk it hand in hand
If not now, if not
now, tell me when
Bridge:
C        D
We’ll work it till its
G
done
C        D
Every daughter every
G
son
C
And every soul that’s
D        G
ever longed for

D
something better
G

Verse 3:
And it will take a
change of heart for
this to mend
It will take a change
of heart for this to
mend
But miracles do
happen every

shining now and
then
If not now, if not
now, tell me when

And miracles do
happen every
shining now and
then
If not now, if not
now, tell me when
If not now, if not
now, tell me when
**MUSIC AND LYRICS**

Batya Levine

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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

LISTEN HERE
Layehudim haytah ora v’simcha v’sasson vikar
Ken tihyeh lanu

The Jews were blessed with light, gladness, joy, and honor - may we be as well
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’doooshat’cha nakdish, k’doooshat’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**


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**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, loosen, baby
You don’t have to carry
The weight of the world in your muscles and bones
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

F
Od yavo’ shalom
aleinu
C
Ve al kulam (x2)

Salaam (Salaam)

F
Aleinu ve al kol ha
olam,
C

Salaam, Salaam (x2)

On us and on
everyone
Salaam, Salaam

F
Em

(ENGLISH)

Peace will come
upon us

Salaam (‘peace’ in
Arabic)

C

Peace will come
upon us

C

Peace will come
upon us
LYRICS

Intro
Bm A
Bm A
Song
Bm

Intro
Bm A
Bm A
Song
Bm

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

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

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

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

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

T’Jen Bishop

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

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