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 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.

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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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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

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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

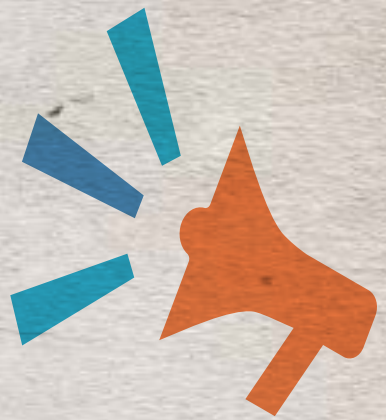
Walk with dignity, fight for love.

(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

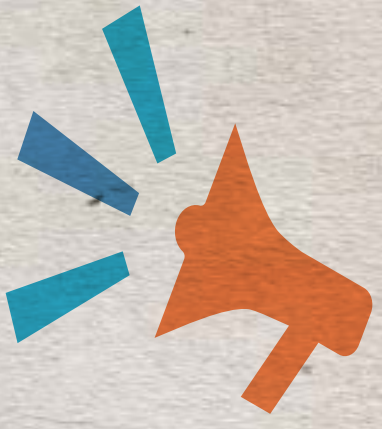
LISTEN HERE - ACAPELLA

LISTEN HERE

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.

LISTEN HERE

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

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman and Yotam Schachter

LISTEN HERE

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....

Nelson CLEANERS
JEWISH
CLIMATE
ACTION
NETWORK
DAYENU!
ENOUGH!
CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW

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

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

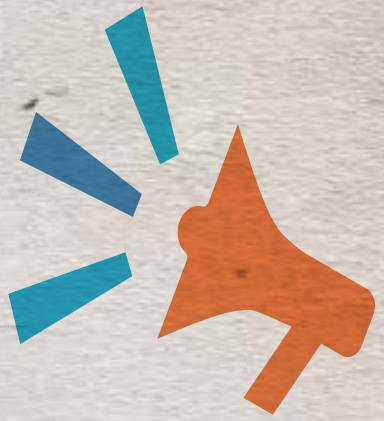
Shoshana Jedwab

LISTEN HERE

Bb
Where you go I will
Gm
go, beloved (refugee,
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
Where you lie I will lie
Bb
And your people are
Eb
my people
Bb Eb
Your people are mine
Bb Eb
Your people are my
Eb
people

Bb Eb Bb
Your divine my divine



WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON

MUSIC AND LYRICS

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

LISTEN HERE

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?

Does it weigh on you at all?
Does it weigh on you at all?

Which side are you on?
Which side are you on?
Which side are you on, now?
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?

SPOKEN CHANTS

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!**
[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.

LISTEN HERE

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 Freelander.

LISTEN HERE

"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

LISTEN HERE

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 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.

LISTEN HERE

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

LISTEN HERE

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

LISTEN HERE

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*

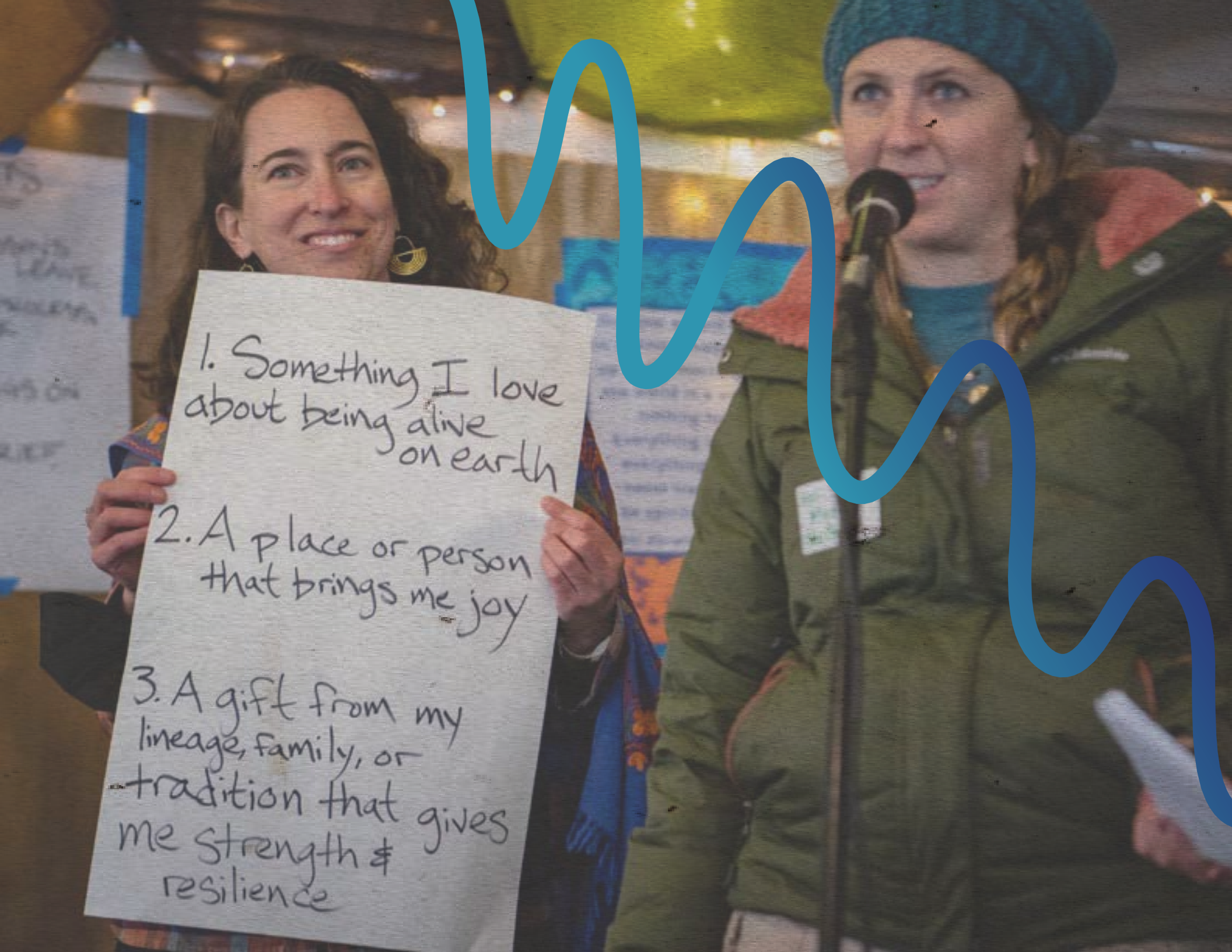
And you must build this world from love, *day day day nyay nyay yay yay*

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."

LISTEN HERE

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.

LISTEN HERE

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 שִׁבְּחוּ גְאוּלִים לְשִׁמְךָ עַל־שְׂפַת הַיָּם יַחַד כֻּלָּם 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

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

LISTEN HERE

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

LISTEN HERE

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

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
Letting us believe we're
Em
incomplete
Em
Keeping us separated and killing our fun
D
Keep us trusting the men
Em
with the guns
C
Thinking what we require
Em
for our self-worth
D Eb F7
Depends on acquiring more
of the Earth
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

SHE RENEWS CONTINUED

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Itai Gal

LISTEN HERE

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 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

LISTEN HERE

Gm F C

Gm F#dim Gm

TEYN DATCHA (TAKE HEED!)

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Yoshi Silverstein

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תֵּן דַּעְתְּךָ שֶׁלֹּא תְקַלְקֵל וְתַחֲרִיב אֶת עוֹלָמִי שֶׁאִם קִלְקַלְתָּ אֵין מִי שֶׁיְתַקֵּן 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

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[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

LISTEN HERE

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

LISTEN HERE

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

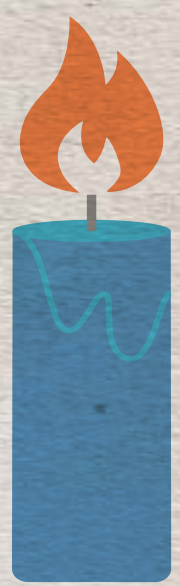
All the leaves have fallen down, have fallen down

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

LISTEN HERE

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

Dr. Koach Baruch Frazier

LISTEN HERE

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

LISTEN HERE

Am G G Am

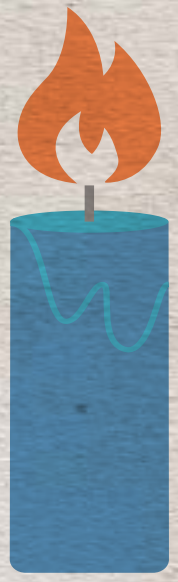
I believed in solid ground until I saw the earth in motion,

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

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Bm

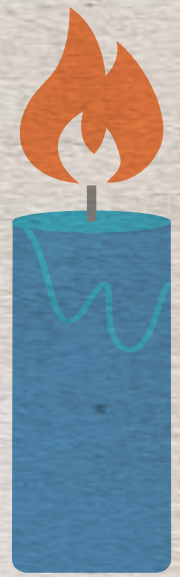
Forget your perfect offering

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.

LISTEN HERE

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

LISTEN HERE

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

LISTEN HERE

Chorus:

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

IF NOT NOW CONTINUED

MUSIC AND LYRICS

Carrie Newcomer

LISTEN HERE

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

Something brighter

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

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

LISTEN HERE

LAYEHUDIM

MUSIC AND LYRICS

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

LISTEN HERE - ALBUM

LISTEN HERE - LIVE

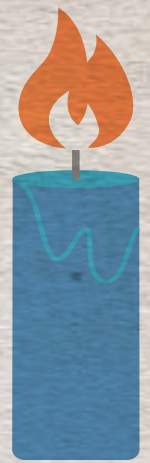
E A E

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.

LISTEN HERE

L'dor vador, l'dor vador,	**From generation to**
l'dor vador nagid	**generation we tell our**
gadlecha.	**stories**
L'dor vador, l'dor vador,	**We struggle and sing**
l'dor vador nagid	**for collective unified**
gadlecha.	**wholeness**
Ool'netzach n'tzachim	**Our mouths and**
k'dooshat'cha nakdish,	**hearts will not be**
k'dooshat'cha nakdish.	**silent throughout**
V'shivchacha, Eloheinu,	**space and time**
mipinoo lo yamoosh,	**We are guided by our**
l'olam va'ed	**holy eternal flame**
l'olam va'ed	**We will endure**
l'olam va'ed	**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 Gabriella Feingold.

LISTEN HERE

לְעָבְדָהּ וּלְשָׁמְרָהּ

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

LISTEN HERE

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

LISTEN HERE

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

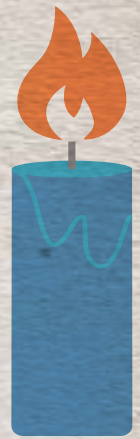
C
Salaam (Salaam)

F Em
Aleinu ve al kol ha olam,
C F
***Salaam, Salaam* (x2)**

Salaam (Salaam)

(ENGLISH)
Peace will come upon us
Peace will come upon us
Peace will come upon us and on everyone.

Salaam ('peace' in Arabic)
On us and on everyone
Salaam, Salaam



SHRBIL

MUSIC AND LYRICS

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

LISTEN HERE

Intro
Bm A
Bm A
Song
Bm

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

شربيل جابه دلّالي
أنا جاني من تازة
الحمام اللي كان ف الغايبة
ما بغى يوللي 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 جاتني من اللي فات
الحمام 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

LISTEN HERE

When I was young
I was the sun
Shone through
the trees
Down to the
ground

When I was young
I was the
mountain
Knew all the birds
Had my own
vision

When I was young
I was the river
Flowed through
the mountain
Into the sea

When I was old
I was the ocean
Held all my
friends
Throughout the
end

I am I am (x4)
We are (x4)

(repeat with "when
I was old")

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