

EAST END TEMPLE PRESENTS

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Song Book

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Kabbalat Shabbat Medley

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*Shiru l'Adonai kol ha'aretz
Shiru l'Adonai shir chadash*

Translation:

Come let us sing joyously to Adonai,
Raise a shout for our Rock and Deliverer.
Sing to Adonai a new song,
Sing to Adonai, all the Earth.
How good and how pleasant it is that
brothers and sisters dwell together.

L'cha Dodi

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Based on Shlomo HaLevi Alkabetz, Shabbat evening liturgy
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The fields grow dark, the day is done,
we gather 'neath the setting sun.
Those evening stars are really little sparks
of holiness, remember this.

Enter in love, enter in peace,
take from the west into the east.
Shake off the dust and lift your eyes up.
Arise, arise, awake and sing.

*L'cha dodi likrat kallah p'nei Shabbat n'kabilah (x2)
L'cha l'cha l'cha dodi...*

Draw near my beloved eternal light,
let us receive our blessed bride.
Rejoice behold *boi v'shalom*
Arise, arise, awake and sing.

*L'cha dodi likrat kallah p'nei Shabbat n'kabilah (x2)
L'cha l'cha l'cha dodi...*

Translation:

Beloved, come to meet the bride; Beloved, come to greet Shabbat

Hashkiveinu

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Hashkiveinu Adonai

Eloheinu I'shalom

V'hamideinu shomreinu I'chaim

In the darkness of the night,
when I'm scared to close my eyes,
won't You ease my troubled mind?

Hashkiveinu

May You guide us on our way,
walk beside us, keep us safe,
Hear these humble words we pray.

Hashkiveinu

Ufros aleinu sukkat sh'lomecha

In the shadow of Your wings

Ufros aleinu sukkat sh'lomecha

In the promise morning brings...

So much heartache, so much hurt
So many hunger, so many search
for Your shelter, peace on Earth.

Hashkiveinu

Hashkiveinu Adonai

Eloheinu I'shalom

V'hamideinu shomreinu I'chaim

Baruch Atah Adonai

Haporeis sukkat shalom aleinu

v'al kol amo Yisrael

v'al Yerushalayim

Translation:

Grant us O God, that we lie down in peace,
and raise us up, our Guardian, to life renewed.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God,
whose shelter of peace is spread over us,
over all your people Israel, and over Jerusalem.

Freedom (Mi Chamocha)

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*Mi chamocha ba'elim Adonai
Mi kamocha ne'edar bakodesh
nora tehilot nora tehilot oseh feleh*

And the river is wide
and the river is deep
and the river is standing
between you and me
and freedom, freedom,
but we shall overcome one day.

*Mi chamocha ba'elim Adonai
Mi kamocha ne'edar bakodesh
nora tehilot nora tehilot oseh feleh*

And the river is fear
and the river is hate
and the river is standing 'tween
us and the gates
of freedom, freedom,
but we shall overcome one day.

Translation:

Who is like you O, God,
Among the gods that are worshiped?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness,
Awesome in splendor, working wonders?

With a tambourine
and a mighty hand
across the sea and the desert sand,
let the children sing for Miriam:
Next year in the promised land.
Next year in the promised land.
Next year in the promised land.
Next year in Jerusalem.

*Mi chamocha ba'elim Adonai
Mi kamocha ne'edar bakodesh
nora tehilot nora tehilot oseh feleh*

And the river divides,
and the river forgives,
and the river's a wall,
and the river's a bridge
to freedom, freedom,
but we shall overcome one day.

Freedom, freedom
but we shall overcome one day.
Yes, we shall overcome one day.

A Mourner's Song

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Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba.

B'alma di v'ra chirutei,

v'yamlich malchutei,

b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon

uv'chayei d'chol beit Yisrael,

Ki Ata imadi

For You are here with me.

Ki Ata imadi

For You are here with me.

Like the waves upon the sea are separate and connected,
you are gone but still by my side.

As the seasons must change,
to dust we must return again,
but love, love, love never dies.

For You are here with me

Ki Ata imadi

For You are here with me.

Translation:

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name
in the world which God created, according to plan.

May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime
and the life of all Israel.

The Banyan Tree

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Words and Music by Michael Hunter Ochs with the students of
East End Temple and Cordoba House*

Let's get to know each other
beneath the banyan tree.
Just sit here in the shade
and talk about our families;
Same story, different faces,
it's not so complicated.

Chorus:

I am me because of you.
You are you because of me.
Let's put our hands together
and shape our destiny.
Like the branches are connected,
someday we will be.
There is room for everyone
underneath the banyan tree.

Let's say a prayer together
beneath the banyan tree,
for love and peace and freedom,
for all humanity.
We can't wait any longer.
Together we are stronger.

Chorus:

I am me because of you.
You are you because of me.
Let's put our hands together
and shape our destiny.
Like the branches are connected,
someday we will be.
There is room for everyone
underneath the banyan tree.

We are joy, we are pain,
we forgive and share the blame.
We fall short, then we rise,
I see myself there in your eyes.

We run scared and stand our ground.
We are lost, but we'll be found.
We have roots and we have
dreams;
we're not as different as we seem.

I am me because of you.
You are you because of me.
Let's put our hearts together
and shape our destiny.
Like the branches are connected,
someday we will be.
There is room for everyone
underneath the banyan tree.

V'al Kulam

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Based on High Holy Day liturgy

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Am I there for those who need me
giving of my heart completely?
Have I been caring
and have I been patient?
Have I forgiven without reservation?

Do I take my days for granted,
treated others even-handed,
and shown compassion to the
homeless stranger?
Have I been humble
before my creator?

V'al kulam v'al kulam
Eloha s'lichot v'al kulam (x2)

Have I tread lightly on this planet?
Have I held fast
to your commandments?
Have I raised my voice
against injustice?
Have I been giving,
or have I been selfish?

V'al kulam v'al kulam
Eloha s'lichot v'al kulam (x2)

S'lach lanu, m'chal lanu,
kaper lanu, v'al kulam

V'al kulam v'al kulam
Eloha s'lichot v'al kulam

Esa einai el he-harim,
me'ayin yavo ezri
Ezri me'im Adonai
Oseh shamayim va'aretz

Translation:

And for all, God of forgiveness,
Pardon us, forgive us, grant us atonement.
I will lift up my eyes to the mountains.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from Adonai,
who made heaven and earth.

Roll Like a River

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The times have found us for a moment such as this;
to pray with our feet and not just with our lips.
It falls to each of us to shed a little light,
And to listen that quiet voice of truth down deep inside.

Tzedek tzedek tirdof
Tzedek tzedek tirdof
Tzedek tzedek tirdof
For all God's children (x2)

There's how the world is and there's how it 'oughta be,
we rise and fall upon the tides of hate and bigotry.
We may not heal the hurt in the balance of our days,
but are we free to simply turn and walk the other way?

Tzedek tzedek tirdof
Tzedek tzedek tirdof
Tzedek tzedek tirdof
For all God's children (x2)

Let justice roll like a river, roll on like a river
and righteousness, a never-ending stream. (x2)
Hallelujah... hallelujah... hallelujah... hallelujah... (x2)



And we will sail on that river, my brother, my sister,
'til we reach the shore where all are delivered.
Tomorrow's today and today is the time
'cuz justice delayed is justice denied.

Let justice roll like a river, roll on like a river
and righteousness a never-ending stream.
Let justice roll like a river, roll on like a river
and righteousness a never-ending stream.

Hallelujah... hallelujah... hallelujah... hallelujah... (x2)

Let justice roll like a river, roll on like a river
and righteousness a never-ending stream.

Translation:
Justice, justice shall you pursue.

Shehechyanu

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*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam (x2)
shehechyanu v'kiyemanu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh (x2)
Amen*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
For giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach
this season.



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Adon Olam

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*Adon olam, asher malach,
b'terem kol y'tzir nivra.
L'eit naasah v'cheftzo kol,
azai Melech sh'mo nikra.*

*V'acharei kichlot hakol,
l'vado yimloch nora.
V'hu hayah, v'hu hoveh,
v'hu yih'yeh b'tifarah.*

*V'hu echad v'ein sheini,
l'hamishil lo l'hachbirah.
B'li reishit b'li tachlit,
v'lo haoz v'hamisrah.*

*V'hu eili v'chai go-ali,
v'tsur chevli b'eit tzarah.
V'hu nisi umanos li
m'nat kosi b'yom ekra.*

*B'yado afkid ruchi
b'eit ishan v'a-irah.
V'im ruchi g'viyati,
Adonai li v'lo*

Translation:

You are our Eternal God,
who reigned before any being had
been created;
When all was done according to
Your will,
then You were called Ruler.

And after all ceases to be,
You alone will rule in majesty.
You have been, are yet
and will be in glory.

And You are One;
none other can compare to or
consort with You.
You are without beginning, without end.
To You belong power and dominion.

And You are my God, my living redeemer,
my rock in times of trouble and distress.
You are my standard bearer and my refuge,
my benefactor when I call on You.

Into Your hands I entrust my spirit,
When I sleep and when I wake,
And with my spirit, my body also;
Adonai is with me and I shall not fear.