

Bar'chu / Roll into Dark (Ma'ariv Aravim)¹

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ!

Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorach

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ
לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!

Baruch Adonai Ha-m'vorach (ha-m'vorach)

L'olam (l'olam) Va---ed

Ha-m'vorach (ha-m'vorach)

L'olam (l'olam) Va---ed

Roll into dark Roll into light

Night becomes day Day turns to night

בּוֹרֵא יוֹם וְלַיְלָה,
גּוֹלֵל אוֹר מִפְּנֵי חֹשֶׁךְ

Borei yom va-laila, goleil or mip-nei cho-shech

Goleil or mip-nei cho-shech v'cho-shech mip-nei or

[Creator of day and night, rolling light into darkness, and darkness into light.]

¹ Hebrew from the prayerbook; additional words and music by Noam Katz

Hinei Mah Tov²

// = percussive sound

Hinei mah tov // u'mah na-im
Shevet kulam gam yachad
Hinei mah tov // u'mah na-im
Shevet kulam gam yachad (x2)

How good it is (how good it is)
How sweet it is (how sweet it is)
To be together on this day
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How sweet it is (how sweet it is)
To be together on this day

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Hinei mah tov // u'mah na-im
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Shalom aleichem, Salaam aleykum
Shalom aleichem, Salaam aleykum (x2)

How good it is (how good it is) ...

² Hebrew adapted from Psalm 133; additional words and music by Elana Arian

We Are Loved (Ahavat Olam)³

We are embraced by arms that find us even when we are hidden from ourselves.
We are touched by fingers that soothe us even when we are too proud for soothing.
We are counseled by voices that guide us even when we are too embittered to hear.

We are loved, loved, loved by unending love, an unending love.
We are loved, loved, loved by unending love, an unending love.

We are supported by hands that uplift us even in the midst of a fall.
We are urged on by eyes that meet us even when we are too weak for meeting.
We are loved...

Embraced, touched, soothed, and counseled,
ours are the arms, the fingers, the voices; ours are the hands, the eyes, the smiles;
We are loved...

Merger Poem Aleinu⁴

And then, and then, every person will be gentle
And then, and then, every person will be strong
Then all will be so varied, rich, and free
Then every where will be called Eden once again
Then all will be so varied, rich, and free
Then every where will be called Eden once again

³ Lyrics adapted from Rabbi Rami Schapiro; music by Rabbi Shir Yaakov Feit

⁴ adapted from Judy Chicago, "Merger Poem," music by Rabbi Margot Stein

B'tzelem Elohim⁵

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah (4x)

We've all got a life to live, we've all got a gift to give
Just open your heart and let it out
We've all got a piece to bring, we've all got a song to sing
Just open your heart and let it out
Yeah

When I reach out to you and you to me, we become *b'tzelem Elohim*
When we share our hopes and our dreams, each one of us *b'tzelem Elohim*

We've all got a tale to tell, we all wanna speak it well
Just open your heart and let it out
We've all got a mountain to climb, we've all got a truth to find
Just open your heart and let it out
Yeah
When I reach out...

*Bereshit barah Elohim*⁶ (3x)
All our hopes, all our dreams
Bereshit barah Elohim, each one of us, *b'tzelem Elohim*

Yeah, Yeah
When I reach out to you and you to me, we become *b'tzelem Elohim*
When we share our hopes and our dreams, each one of us *b'tzelem Elohim*
Each one of us *b'tzelem Elohim*
Each one of us *b'tzelem Elohim*
Each one of us *b'tzelem Elohim*

⁵ Lyrics and music by Dan Nichols; based on Genesis 1:27 teaching that all human beings are created *b'tzelem Elohim*, "in the Divine image."

⁶ "When Elohim began to create...."