

THE ROAD AHEAD

Why do we hold on? (Larry Karol)

Based on Psalm 25 and Numbers 9:15-23

I can see where You're going, will you let me follow?
There hasn't been a time when you've led me astray
Can I trust how you tell me not dwell upon the past
To look ahead without regret to make tomorrow a better day
to make tomorrow a better day

**CHORUS: Why do we hold on
to what we should leave behind?**

*Why do we choose our pain
over peace that we could find?*

*Forgiveness can lift a broken soul
and ease a worried mind*

Why do we hold on, hold on,

why do we hold on to what we should leave behind?

There are signs all around us telling us to stay
To rest inside the goodness that guides us on our way

There's a fire that is burning,
giving light when darkness falls

Can we let go of the familiar
so we can answer when You call?

so we can answer when You call - **CHORUS**

We stand in confusion, not knowing where to turn

Point us in the right direction

to live the lessons we have learned

To live the lessons we have learned - **CHORUS**

Eitz Chayim Hi (Larry Karol)

Based on Pirkei Avot 2:7 and Proverbs 3:17-18

**More learning, more wisdom, more inspiration, more life
more direction, more understanding,
more justice, more peace.**

We try to comprehend all that we are living for
We stand each day outside the threshold of an open door
We may feel more secure

to peer inside but not walk through

There are treasures that are waiting for us if we do

CHORUS: Eitz chayim hi, it's a tree of life

Eitz chayim hi, it's a tree of life

*Hold it fast, walk its paths, it will grow
more justice, more peace*

With our minds we can discover almost anything
Through our souls, we hear the essence of the song we sing
Our words may voice the truths that we have come to know
They could be new or echo meanings
spoken long ago - **CHORUS**

מְרִבֶּה תּוֹרָה, מְרִבֶּה חַיִּים.

מְרִבֶּה יְשִׁיבָה, מְרִבֶּה חֻכְמָה.

Marbeh torah, marbeh chayim,
marbeh y'shivah, marbeh chochmah

מְרִבֶּה עֲצָה, מְרִבֶּה תְּבוּנָה.

מְרִבֶּה צְדָקָה, מְרִבֶּה שְׁלוֹם.

Marbeh eitzah, marbeh t'vunah,
marbeh tz'dakah, marbeh shalom **CHORUS**

**More learning, more wisdom, more inspiration, more life
more direction, more understanding,
more justice, more peace**

LARRY KAROL

Or Zarua (Larry Karol - based on Psalm 97)

Chorus:

אֹר זָרְעַ לְצַדִּיק וּלְיִשְׁרֵי לֵב שִׂמְחָה:

Or zarua latzadik ul'yishrei leiv simchah (2x)

You hear the world rejoicing with sounds of thanks and praise
You lead us home to freedom,

Your flame is our hope for all our days **Chorus**
Even when the darkness hides you from our sight -
with every act of justice,

You will sow, You will sow Your light - **Chorus**
Simchu tzadikim badonai v'hodu l'zeicher kodsho

שִׂמְחוּ צַדִּיקִים בְּיְהוָה וְהוֹדוּ לְזִכָּר קִדְשׁוֹ:

Chorus - Or Zarua latzadik

["Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness/radiance for the
upright in heart. "The righteous rejoice in the Eternal one, and
give thanks to God's holy name."]

Sheim Tov (Pirkei Avot 2:7 - Music: Larry Karol)

קָנָה שֵׁם טוֹב, קָנָה לְעַצְמוֹ.

Kanah shem tov kanah l'atzmo (2x)

קָנָה לוֹ דְּבָרֵי תּוֹרָה, קָנָה לוֹ חַיֵּי הָעוֹלָם הַבָּא:

Kanah lo divrei torah, kanah lo chayei haolam ba (2x)

When you have earned a good name, you have earned it for
yourself (on your own). When you have earned knowledge of
Torah, you have earned life eternal.

Nishmat Kol Chai (Larry Karol)

(Based on a morning prayer)

If our mouths were filled with song as the sea
If our hearts were filled with joy like the waves of the ocean
It wouldn't be enough to praise You
It wouldn't be enough to praise You

CHORUS:

תְּבָרֵךְ אֶת שְׁמֹךְ, נִשְׁמַת כָּל חַי

T'vareich et shim'cha nishmat kol chai

Let the soul of all that lives bless Your name, Adonai

*Let Your face shine down upon us
like the moon and the sun*

Above all time and space, You alone are One

If we could only soar like an eagle

If we could run with gentle grace like a deer among the trees

It wouldn't be enough to praise You

It wouldn't be enough to praise You **CHORUS**

Above all time and space, You alone are One

מִן הָעוֹלָם וְעַד הָעוֹלָם אַתָּה אֵל

Min ha-olam v'ad ha-olam atah Eil

לְךָ לְבַדְּךָ אֲנַחְנוּ מוֹדִים.

L'cha l'vad'cha anachnu modim CHORUS

Above all time and space, You alone are One -

If our mouths were filled with song as the sea...

(Transcending time and space, You are God;

To You alone we give thanks)

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Natatah Simchah (Larry Karol) - Based on Psalm 4

When I see Your light in my eyes
 When You lead me to the joy in my heart
 When I feel Your goodness all around me
 I know, I am not alone, I am not alone

CHORUS:

Natatah simchah v'libi נַתַּתָּה שְׂמֵחָה בְּלִבִּי

בְּקִרְאִי עֲנֵנִי | אֲלֵתִי צְדִקְיָ

B'kor'i ancini elohay tzid-ki

Choneini u-sh'ma t'filati: חֲנִינִי וְשִׁמְעַתְּ פִלְתִּי

Natatah simchah v'libi נַתַּתָּה שְׂמֵחָה בְּלִבִּי

When we sense the warmth of Your presence

When You lay us down in safety and in peace

When we find ourselves falling into the depths of our despair

You are there to give us release, give us release - CHORUS

When we've abandoned all hope of human kindness

Raise us up with strength to face the day

When the road ahead is narrow and winding

Make wide our way, make wide our way **CHORUS**

נַתַּתָּה שְׂמֵחָה בְּלִבִּי Natatah simchah v'libi

[Translation: You gave me/put joy in my heart; when I call on You, answer me, God of my righteousness; be gracious to me and hear my prayer]

*Don't Let Me Fall (Words: Kadya Moldowsky, Kathryn Hellerstein; Music: Larry Karol)

Don't let me fall as a stone falls upon the hard ground
 Don't let me fall

And don't let my hands become dry as the twigs of a tree
 when the wind beats down the last leaves

And when the storm raises dust from the earth with anger and
 howling, don't let me fall...don't let me fall.

I have asked for so much, but as a blade of your grass
 in a distant wild field

lets drop a seed in the lap of the earth and dies away,
 Sow in me Your living breath as You sow a seed in the earth.

Baruch atah adonai, Rofei chol basar u-maf-li la-a-sot
 Blessed are You, Adonai, who heals all flesh,
 working wondrously.

Don't let me fall as a stone falls upon the hard ground.
 Don't let me fall.

**May We Gain Wisdom (Words: Rabbi Richard Levy, Zechariah 14:9; Music: Larry Karol)

May we gain wisdom in our lives,
 overflowing like a river with understanding;
 loved, each of us, for the peace we bring to others.
 May our deeds exceed our speech, and may we never lift up
 our hand but to conquer fear and doubt and despair.

וְנִאֲמַר, וְהָיָה יְיָ לְמִלְחָה: עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ

בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יְהִי יְיָ אֶחָד, וְשִׁמוֹ אֶחָד:

CHORUS: V'neemar v'hayah adonai l'melech al kol ha-aretz;
 bayom hahu yih'yeh adonai echad ush'mo echad.

Rise up like the sun, O God, over all humanity.

Cause light to go forth over all the lands between the seas.

And light up the universe with the joy of wholeness,
 of freedom, and of peace. - CHORUS

LARRY KAROL

Rav Shalom (Great is peace)

Based on Isaiah 54:13-14 and the morning peace prayer

בְּצִדְקָה תִּכּוֹנְנִי רַחֲמֵי מַעֲשֶׂהְךָ כִּי לֹא תִירָאֵי

Bitz'dakah tikonani rachami may-oshek ki lo tira-i

וּמִמְחִיתָה כִּי לֹא תִקְרַב אֵלַיךָ:

Umim-chitah ki lo tikrav ay-la-yich (2x)

**CHORUS - V'chol bana-yich limuday adonai V'rav shalom,
 v'rav sh'lom banayich**

וְכָל-בְּנֵיךָ לְמוֹדֵי יְהוָה,

וְרַב שְׁלוֹם, וְרַב שְׁלוֹם בְּנֵיךָ:

Can you hear the sound, the sound of justice

Driving out the hatred, calling off the warning

No need to fear the peace that will surround you (2x)

CHORUS

שִׁים שְׁלוֹם טוֹבָה וּבְרָכָה, חֵן וְחֶסֶד וְרַחֲמִים

Sim shalom tovah u-v'rachah chayn vacheshd v'rachamim (2x)

CHORUS - V'rav sh'lom banayich

Translation: You shall be established through righteousness/justice

You shall be safe from oppression and shall have no fear
 From ruin, and it shall not come near you.

And all your children shall be taught of the Eternal One
 And great shall be the peace/well-being of your children.

Grant peace, goodness, blessing, grace, kindness and compassion.

P'tach Libi (Larry Karol)

Based on the Prayerbook and Psalm 119:105, 109

פְּתַח לִבִּי בְּתוֹרַתְךָ, וּבְמִצְוֹתֶיךָ תִרְדּוּף נַפְשִׁי.

P'tach libi b'toratecha u-v'mitzvoteycha tirdof nafshi.

Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light for my journey

Open my mind, my heart to know my life,
 my soul is in my hand

(Open my heart/mind with Your Torah/Teaching, and may
 I/my soul pursue Your commandments)

Song of Praise (Larry Karol) - Based on Psalm 34

I have walked into cold winds blowing

I have crumbled with my spirits low

I have cried when my heart was broken

I've seen troubles, more than I care to know

CHORUS - Is there love enough for giving?

Is there goodness enough to fill our days?

When I taste and see that life's worth living

I will sing this song of praise.

I have walked on a road to freedom

I've heard voices that can hurt or heal

I have looked into eyes filled with hatred

I have stood in a place where peace was real. **CHORUS**

Even when You're at a distance, I can feel Your presence here

I will speak my mind my truth my passion

Without hesitation, with nothing to fear **CHORUS**

Keep me warm when the cold wind's blowing

Raise me higher when my spirit's low

Make me strong where my heart is broken

Lead me through troubles,

show me where I should go **CHORUS**

When I taste and see that life's worth living

I will sing this song and praise.

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