

Harmony in Unison - Lyrics - Rabbi Larry Karol - September 24, 2018

What it means to be Free (L. Karol – Original Copyright 2/8/2013)
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It's not where we come from
It's not the color of our skin
or just the faiths we live by
That make us American
It's how we treasure one another
It's what we do, the way we live
It's working for equality
That makes us American

CHORUS:

So bless this land with justice
Bless the people with compassion
Make us proud of what we can be
We are neighbors, we are dreamers
Still learning together
What it means to be free, what it means to be free

It's not the closing of our borders
It's not the fear of the unknown
It's not hatred in our hearts
That makes us American.
It's looking out for each other
It's holding out a helping hand
It's a pioneering spirit
That makes us American. **CHORUS**

Will this land of opportunity
still fulfill its promise?
Wise voices leading us to change
make us American
We're a rainbow of community when all is said and done
Our nation's founders put it best - Out of many One
CHORUS

Two are Better Than One (L. Karol)

Two hearts begin in separate places 'til they arrive side by side
Two minds alike in contemplation as they decide wrong from right
Life's winding paths might bring them together before their journey is done
When they sustain and lift up one another they know - Two are better than one

טוֹבִים הַשְּׁנַיִם מִן־הָאֶחָד טוֹבִים הַשְּׁנַיִם מִן־הָאֶחָד
כִּי אִם־יִפְּלוּ הָאֶחָד, יִקְּיִם, יִקְּיִם אֶת־חֲבֵרוֹ

CHORUS: Tovim hash'na-yim min ha-echad - tovim hash'na-yim min ha-echad - Ki im
yipolu ha-echad Yakim Yakim et chavero

No space could ever be too narrow for two friends to find their way through
Each one sees a treasure in the other, knowing their strengths and their faults, too
They may grow closer than sisters or brothers before their journey is done
When minds and hearts travel together, they know - Two are better than one - CHORUS
Ki im yipolu ha-echad Yakim Yakim et chavero

We may discover, in our quest for meaning, there's nothing new under the sun
But when we seek help at a time of trouble, we know, two are better than one-
CHORUS

Ki im yipolu ha-echad Yakim Yakim et chavero

(Hebrew from Ecclesiastes – Two are better than one, for one falls, the other will lift up the first – Lyrics from Jewish quotes about friendship: “two friends can pass through the eye of a needle”; “a faithful friend is a treasure”; “a friend is someone who will tell you your faults in private.”)

Branches to the Sky (Sukkot blessings)

(L. Karol)

We look through branches to the sky
We feel the wind blowing, rushing by
We build our Sukkah, so we can see
God's presence in the world, in you and in me
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לִישֵׁב בְּסֻכָּה.
Ba-ruch a-tah A-don-ai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam
Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzi-vanu
Layshayv basukah

With Lulav and Etrog in our hands
We remember the Torah's command
Take nature's symbols, shake them and see
God's presence in the world, in you and in me
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל-נְטִילַת לוּלָב.
Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech haolam
Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav vtziva-nu
Al n'tilat lulav

We are part of creation, the world You have made
God we praise Your name
You give us life, You keep us growing, You bring us to this day
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.
Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech haolam
Shehecheyanu v'kiymanu V'higiyanu
lazman hazeh, lazman hazeh.

Mah Asheev (Psalm 116) Larry Karol August 27-28, 2004

Will my voice rise up to meet You?
Will You turn Your ear to me?
I did not know that I would need You,
but there are reasons I now see.
When I cried out to You in my desperation,
I could almost feel Your hand;
You encircled me, drew me in to Your Protection;
You blessed me with the strength to stand.

CHORUS

Mah asheev ladonai, how can I repay You
for all You've given me?
Mah asheev ladonai...With your mercy, with your care, You are here, Mah asheev

When I stumbled into sorrow,
You were there to dry my tears
You restored my soul in Your compassion,
You renew my days, my years
I sing Your praise with joy for my liberation -
Your loving touch warms my hand
You encircle me, draw me in to Your protection;
You bless me with the strength to stand. **CHORUS**

I will raise a cup to you as I call upon Your name
CHORUS

Zeh Hayom (L. Karol)

יום לחיות, יום ללמוד, יום לחדש, יום לעמוד

Yom lich'yot, yom lil'mod Yom l'chadeish, yom la-amod

יום לזכור, יום לבקר, יום ללמד, יום לזמר

Yom liz'kor, yom l'vakeir, Yom l'lameid, yom l'zameir

(A day to live...to learn...to renew...to stand...to remember...to visit...to teach...to make melody)

All we have done, all we will do - This is the day to lift our spirits to You

זֶה הַיּוֹם עָשָׂה ה' נְגִילָה וְנִשְׂמְחָה בּוֹ

Zeh hayom asah adonai, nagilah v'nis'm'chah vo

Zeh hayom asah adonai nagilah v'nis'm'chah vo, v'nis'm'chah vo

(This is the day that God has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it -Psalm 118:24)

יום לרפא, יום לעזור, יום לשרת, יום לשמור

Yom lir'po, yom la-a-zor Yom l'shareit, yom lish'mor

יום לתת, יום לבנות, יום לאהוב, יום לעלות

Yom lateit, yom liv'not, Yom le-ehov, yom la-a-lot

(A day to heal...to help...to serve...to keep...to give...to build...to love...to ascend)

All we have done, all we will do - This is the day to lift our spirits to You

זֶה הַיּוֹם עָשָׂה ה' נְגִילָה וְנִשְׂמְחָה בּוֹ

Zeh hayom asah adonai, nagilah v'nis'm'chah vo

Zeh hayom asah adonai nagilah v'nis'm'chah vo, v'nis'm'chah vo

A day to lead, a day to learn, a day to serve, a day to yearn

A day to recall, a day to give, a day to build, a day to live

All we have done, all we will do - This is the day to lift our spirits to You

זֶה הַיּוֹם עָשָׂה ה' נְגִילָה וְנִשְׂמְחָה בּוֹ

Zeh hayom asah adonai, nagilah v'nis'm'chah vo

Zeh hayom asah adonai nagilah v'nis'm'chah vo, v'nis'm'chah vo

v'nis'm'chah vo, v'nis'm'chah vo

A Song of Love and Justice
A new original song based on Psalm 101 - August 15, 2018

CHORUS

לְדָוִד מִזְמוֹר חֶסֶד וּמִשְׁפָּט אֲשִׁירָה לְךָ ה' אֲזַמְּרָה
L^david Mizmor chesed umishpat ashirah. L^cha Adonai azameirah
לְדָוִד מִזְמוֹר חֶסֶד וּמִשְׁפָּט אֲשִׁירָה לְךָ ה' אֲזַמְּרָה
L^David mizmor chesed umishpat ashirah
L^cha Adonai L^cha Adonai azameirah
[A song of David. A Psalm. I will sing of faithfulness and justice.
I will chant a hymn to You, O Eternal One]

אֲשְׁכִּילָהּ | בְּדֶרֶךְ תָּמִים Askilah b^derech tamim
מָתַי תָּבוֹא אֵלַי מָתַי תָּבוֹא אֵלַי Matai tavo eilai Matai tavo eilai
אֶתְהַלֵּךְ בְּתָם לִבִּי Ethaleich b^tam l^vavi
בְּקִרְבִּי בֵּיתִי - בְּקִרְבִּי בֵּיתִי B^kerev beiti, b^kerev beiti
[I will study the way of the blameless; when shall I attain it?
I will live with integrity within my house]

CHORUS

A song of love and justice - To You I will sing
When will You stand with me?
When will you stand with Me?
I will walk with a heart full of hope
When will You follow me?
When will you follow Me? CHORUS

I've decided to stick with love
Hate is too great a burden to bear
No words will put you down
No one will pull you down

[Quotes of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. cited in full or adapted]

CHORUS

God of My Life (L. Karol - 11132017)

She told me once I paid my dues
I'd be up on that stage
Now years have passed and I'm down here
Getting better still with age
I may be a guarded secret
Not a legend in my mind
It's the reason for this journey
That I'm hoping yet to find

CHORUS :

God of my life Stand with me as I walk along my way
No matter what lies ahead - Sustain my soul today (2x)

Sometimes my words escape me
And I fear they won't return
So I play all my old favorites
While the embers slowly burn
I don't want to be a rock star
In a music Hall of fame
There's no treasure more important
Than to keep my own good name - CHORUS

You may say I'm past my prime
I started all too late
And that good things almost never come
to those of us who wait
You won't believe it when I tell you
that I'm younger than I seem
As long as I am breathing
I'll be reaching for my dream - CHORUS

Don't You let my footsteps falter - Open my eyes wide to see
The wonders all around this world, the miracles in me

God of my life Stand with me. as I walk along my way
No matter what lies ahead - Sustain my soul today (2x)

All My Songs (Larry Karol) - Based on Psalm 28

שְׁמַע קוֹל תַּחֲנוּנַי בְּשׁוֹעֵי אֱלֹהִים
Sh'ma kol tachanunai b'shav'i eilecha?
בְּנִשְׂאֵי יָדַי אֶל־דְּבַר קֹדֶשׁ:
B'nos'i yadai el d'vir kodshecha

CHORUS:

בָּרוּךְ ה' כִּי־שָׁמַע קוֹל תַּחֲנוּנַי:
Baruch Adonai Ki Shama kol tachanunai?

ה' עָזַר וּמָגֵן אֱדֹנָי
Adonai uzi umagini
בּוֹ בָטַח לִבִּי
Bo vatach libi
וְנִעַזְרָתִי וַיַּעֲלֵז לִבִּי
V'ne-ezarti va-ya-aloz Libi
וּמִשִּׁירֵי אֶהְדָּנָה:
U-mishiri ahodenu:

CHORUS

הוֹשִׁיעָה אֶת־עַמֶּךָ וּבְרַךְ אֶת־נַחְלָתֶךָ
הוֹשִׁיעָה אֶת־עַמֶּךָ וּבְרַךְ אֶת־נַחְלָתֶךָ
וְרַעַם וְנִשְׂאֵם עַד־הָעוֹלָם:
Hoshia et amecha u-vareich et nachalatecha?
Ur'eim v'nas'eim ur'eim v'nas'eim ad ha-o-lam

CHORUS

[Listen to my plea for mercy when I cry out to You,
when I lift my hands toward Your inner sanctuary.
Blessed is the Eternal One, who listens to my plea for mercy.
The Eternal One is my strength and my shield;
In whom my heart trusts. I was helped and my heart exulted
So I will glorify God with my song.
Deliver and bless Your very own people;
tend them and sustain them forever.]

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Inheritance (Larry Karol) - February 22, 2018

[Psalm 37:11

The humble will inherit the earth, and delight in an abundance of peace]

Walk along the path of justice
Trust in the One who guides your way
Believe your deeds of kindness matter
Your heart will shine as the light of day
Only those whose hope sustains them
Know our blessings need not cease
Only the humble will inherit this world
And fill the earth with joy and peace

CHORUS

וְעֲנָוִים יִירְשׁוּ-אֶרֶץ וְהִתְעַנְּגוּ עַל-רֵב שָׁלוֹם
וְעֲנָוִים יִירְשׁוּ-אֶרֶץ וְהִתְעַנְּגוּ עַל-רֵב שָׁלוֹם
Va-anavim yir^shu aretz V^hitangu al rov Shalom
Va-anavim yir^shu aretz V^hitangu al rov Shalom

Some may doubt the truths that lead you
Some may close their minds to your call
Some may claim your voice is fading
Some will refuse to listen at all
But when your hopes and dreams sustain you
Then your blessings will not cease
Be humble to inherit this world
And fill your lives with joy and peace - CHORUS

No one can shame us into silence
We have a right to disagree
Why can't we serve and help each other
In this land we still call free? - CHORUS
V^hitangu al rov shalom

Kol Ha-umim (L. Karol - based on Psalm 117)

In this home we love, with the earth all around us,
we sing a song of liberty
Let truth and justice cross all borders -
We are sisters and brothers, born to be free
From every corner, we ask God's blessing,
stand by us and guide our way
We are Your children, a single people,
unite us all over the world each day!

Chorus: Hallelu et adonai hallelu – Kol ha-umim, Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluyah

הַלְלוּ אֶת־ה' הַלְלוּ כָּל־הָאֲמִים הַלְלוּ הַלְלוּ הַלְלוּ:

With caring hearts, with smiling faces,
be neighbors, not strangers, who strive to be kind
As we seek out peace by working together,
the trust we are building will open our minds
From every corner, we ask God's blessing,
stand by us and guide our way
We are Your children, a single people,
unite us all over the world each day!

CHORUS

Hallelu et adonai hallelu – Kol ha-umim, Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluyah

כִּי גָבַר עָלֵינוּ | חֲסִדּוֹ וְאֱמֶת־ה' לְעוֹלָם הַלְלוּ:

Ki gavar aleinu chasdo - Ve-emet Adonai l'olam
Halleluyah, Halleluyah

Hallelu et adonai hallelu – Kol ha-umim, Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluyah, Halleluyah,
Halleluyah

Psalm 117: “For your great is Your kindness towards us, everlasting is Your faithfulness, praise God, all you peoples!”