HIGH HOLIDAYS
Return to Joy
with Judaism Your Way

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We are so grateful to gather for these High Holidays with you. Whether you’re joining us online or in the tent, we hope this time together uplifts your spirit and brings you joy.

At Judaism Your Way, we’re an open tent, embracing everyone who seeks a connection to Jewish life. Whether this is your first or your 100th time in Jewish space, we welcome you exactly as you are, with only love and appreciation, and without judgment. We invite you to drop your shoulders, open your heart, take a deep breath, and simply be.

Rosh Hashanah celebrates the creation and re-creation of the world. May these services help us to commit more deeply to the necessary re-creation unfolding – personally, nationally, globally. Yom Kippur invites us to practice the healing power of teshuvah – returning to integrity, and recommitting to what is most meaningful and true in our lives.

Many of us struggle with a dominant metaphor of the Sacred: God as a big powerful man. Fortunately, Judaism offers a colorful palette of alternative metaphors for the Sacred: Place, Presence, Voice, Fire, Cloud, Water, Rock, Oneness, Wholeness, Love, and Emptiness. You’ll encounter these metaphors throughout our services, and we hope you find a metaphor that spiritually moves you.

If you are new to our community, welcome and don’t worry! Your service leaders will be your guides. Please take care of your needs, whatever they may be, during services. You’re welcome to get up, stretch, move, and wander if you want.

May our services help you connect deeply and return to joy during these High Holidays and throughout the year ahead.

L’shanah tovah! Blessings for a sweet new year.

Rabbi Caryn Aviv
Rabbi Amanda Schwartz
Student Rabbi Dan Yolles
We come from a tale told long ago,
passed on by the waves and the wind
We’ve made it this far together you know,
come brothers and sisters let’s sing!

Come gather ‘round and hear the song,
if you’re the wandering kind
‘Cause you can make it alone but just so you know,
we leave no one behind
Our mothers and fathers who have weathered the storms
grew strong in the trials of their times,
So we brothers and sisters I’dor vador,
carry on with this song in our lives

We’ll sing out this song for years to come,
in a story without an end
For how good it is to be among our brothers and sisters and friends.

Nefesh Mountain

SHEHECHEYANU

Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam
shehecheyanu v’kiy’manu v’higianu lazman hazeh.

Blessed is the Flow of Being, giving us life, sustaining us,
and bringing us to this moment.

Music by Dan Yolles
MAY I BE EMPTY

May I be empty and open to receive the light,
May I be empty and open to receive.
May I be full and open to receive the light,
May I be full and open to receive.

Batya Levine

ROSH HASHANAH CANDLE LIGHTING

ברוך אתה יהוה אלוהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצוותיו
有意思的 להדלקת נרות של יום טוב:

Blessed are You, Life Unfolding, manifesting in time and space, bringing awe to our lives with the mitzvah of kindling the holiday light.

BLESSING FOR ALLIES AND LOVED ONES

May everyone who shares in a Jewish life feel welcomed and integrated.

We are deeply grateful to all who have cast their lot with Jewish people, and for the love and support you give to your Jewish partners and families.

We know families come in all forms.

We offer thanks to those who are raising children with Judaism.

We are a very small people, and history has made us smaller.

We pray with all our hearts that the gifts and blessings you have given to your family, to the Jewish community, and to Jewish people will come back to you and fill your life with joy and fulfillment.

Adapted from Rabbi Janet Marder
LOVE IS ALL THERE IS / BARCHU

Love, love is all there is
Love is all there is
Love is all there is

ברוך את יהוה המברך:
ברוך יהוה המברך לוול עולם ועד:

Barchu et Adonai ham’vorach.
Baruch Adonai ham’vorach l’olam va-ed.

Blessed is the Source of infinite blessing
which has many and no Names, throughout time and space.

Melody by Rabbi Andrew Hahn

LOVING THE WORLD

My work is loving the world.
Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird —
equal seekers of sweetness.
Here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums.
Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.

Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?
Am I no longer young, and still not half-perfect? Let me keep my mind on what matters,
which is my work,

which is mostly standing still and learning to be astonished.
The phoebe, the delphinium.
The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.
Which is mostly rejoicing, since all ingredients are here,
which is gratitude, to be given a mind and a heart
and these body-clothes,
a mouth with which to give shouts of joy
to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-up clam,
telling them all, over and over, how it is
that we live forever.

Mary Oliver

Sh’MA

שמע ישראל יהוה אלהינו יהוה אחד:

Sh’mayisrael Adonai eloheinu Adonai echad.

Listen, all people who ask questions about the universe. The Source of
all life is an unfolding process, and everything is connected to Oneness.

ברוך שם קבידה מלכותו לעולם ועד:

Baruch shem kevod malchuto le’olam va’ed.

We express gratitude and awareness of what’s special in our lives.

Deuteronomy 6:4
Translation by Josh and Noah Bub
V’AHAVTA / AND YOU WILL LOVE

When you love with your whole heart, your whole being and all that you do, these teachings cannot help but connect your heart today - to your interactions with your children and in all the ways that you rest and move, dream, and wake. Therefore create practices to remind you to dedicate to love all you do with your hands, and conceive with your mind, bringing special awareness to the boundaries of your homes, your communities, and your imaginations.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9
Translation by Rabbi Brian Field
MI CHAMOCHAH

There can be miracles when you believe,
Though hope is frail, it’s hard to kill.
Who knows what miracles you can achieve?
When you believe, somehow you will,
You will when you believe.

Ashira l’Adonai ki ga-oh ga-ah
Ashira l’Adonai ki ga-oh ga-ah

Mi chamocha b’eilim Adonai? Mi Kamocha ne-dar bakodesh.

Ashira, ashira, ashira!

(Repeat Hebrew)

There can be miracles when you believe,
Though hope is frail, it’s hard to kill.
Who knows what miracles you can achieve?
When you believe, somehow you will,
Now you will,
You will when you believe,
You will when you believe.

Music by Stephen Schwartz and Kennedy ‘Babyface’ Edmonds
Melody from Prince of Egypt

מי-כמוכה באלים יהוה: מי-כמוכה נאדיר בקודש:

Mi chamochah b’eilim Adonai? Mi kamochah ne-dar bakodesh.

Who is like You among all that people worship, Adonai?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in praise,
doing wonders?
**PRAYER**

Prayer: like a telephone wire to God, to thanks
offering the greatest connection
Not measured by service bars, or your WIFI
Measured by the feeling and emotion you put into it
A prayer can be the littlest of things, like a little rock with a ring on it
Or as large as the service you are attending right now
A prayer can be a toast at a dinner party
Or a speech at a funeral
Putting words together that only one may understand
Not worrying about grammar, or elaboration
No matter your background or religion
When you pray you are tapping into this telephone wire, connecting to something greater than yourself, something greater than all of us
And giving it your thanks

Cooper Fagan,
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**HASHKIVEINU**

*Shalom, Shalom*

Hashkiveinu Adonai,
Eloheinu l’shalom
vahamideinu l’chayim

*Ushmor tzeiteinu*
Uvo-ainu
l’chayim ul’shalom
mei atah ve-ad olam

Hashkiveinu...

*Shalom, Shalom*

*Melody by Craig Taubman*
Let us dream
Wildly unimaginable blessings ...

Blessings so unexpected,
Blessings so beyond our hopes for this world,
Blessings so unbelievable in this era,
That their very existence
Uplifts our vision of creation,
Our relationships to each other,
And our yearning for life itself.

Let us dream
Wildly unimaginable blessings ...

A complete healing of mind, body, and spirit,
A complete healing for all,
The end of suffering and strife,
The end of plague and disease,
When kindness flows from the river of love,
When goodness flows from the river of grace,
Awakened in the spirit of all beings,
When Divine light,
Radiating holiness,
Is seen by everyone.

Let us pray
With all our hearts ...

For wildly unimaginable blessings,
So that the Divine will hear the call
To open the gates of the Garden,
Seeing that we haven’t waited,
That we’ve already begun to repair the world,
In testimony to our faith in life,
Our faith in each other,
And our faith in the Holy One,
Blessed be the Universe.

Alden Solovy
ברוך אתה, אֱלֹהִים אֲבָדְתָּנוּ, אֲבָדְתָּנוּ אֱלֹהִים, אֱלֹהִים אֲבָדְתָּנוּ, אֱלֹהִים אֲבָדְתָּנוּ, אֱלֹהִים אֲבָדְתָּנוּ.

Ancestors

אֲדֹנָי שְׂפָתַי תִּפְתָּח וּפִי יַגִּיד תְּהִלָּתֶֽן.

וַה יְהֹוָה עַל כָּל הַאָרֶץ בִּשְׁפְּתֵיהּ עַל כָּל הַאָרֶץ בִּשְׁפְּתֵיהּ עַל כָּל הַאָרֶץ בִּשְׁפְּתֵיהּ עַל כָּל הַאָרֶץ בִּשְׁפְּתֵיהּ.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ייְ אֱלֹהֵֽינוּ ואֵלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵֽינוּ ואְִמּוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יְצִָחָק, ואֵלֹהֵי يָעֲקֹב, אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רִבְקָה, אֱלֹהֵי רָחֵל ואֵלֹהֵי לֵאָה.

הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר והְַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֶלְיוֹן, גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבِים, וקְנֹה הַכּל, וּזְוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי אָבוֹת ואְִמּוֹת, וּמֵבִיא גוֹאֵל לִבְּנֵיָם, לְמַֽעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה.

זְכָרֵֽנוּ לְחַיּיִם, מֶֽלֶךְ חָפֵץ בַּחַיּיִם, וּכְָתְבֵֽנוּ בְּסֵֽפֶר הַחַיּיִם, לְמַעַךְ אֱלֹהִים חַיּיִם. מֶֽלֶךְ עוֹזר וּמוֹשִֽׁיעַ וּמָגֵן. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ייְ, מָגֵן אַבְרָהָם ועְֶזרְַת שָׂרָה:

Power

אַתָּה גִּבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם אֲדנֹיָ, מְחַיּהֵ מֵתִים אַֽתָּה, רַב לְהוֹשִֽׁיעַ. מְכַלְכֵּל חַיּיִם בְּחֶֽסֶד, מְחַיּהֵ מֵתִים בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים, סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים, ורְוֹפֵא חוֹלִים, וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים, וּמְקַיּם אֱמוּנתו לִישֵׁני עָפָר, מִי כָּמֽוֹךָ בַּֽעַל גְּבוּרוֹת וּמִי דּֽוֹמֶה לָּךְ, מֶֽלֶךְ מֵמִית וּמְחַיּה וּמַצְמִֽיחַ ישְׁוּעָה:

מִי כָּמֽוֹךָ אַב הָרַחֲמִים, זוֹכֵר יצְוּרָיו לְחַיּיִם בְּרַחֲמִים. וְנְאֱֶמָן אַתָּה לְהַחֲיוֹת מֵתִים. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ייְ, מְחַיּה הַמֵּתִים:

Sanctification

אַתָּה קָדוֹשׁ ושְִׁמְךָ קָדוֹשׁ, וּקְדוֹשִׁים בְּכָל יוֹם יִהלְלֻךָ סֶֽלָה וּבְכֵן תֵּן פַּחְדְּךָ ייְ אֱלֹהֵֽינוּ עַל כָּל-מַעֲשֶׂיךָ ואְֵימָתְךָ עַל כָּל-מַה-שֶׁבָּרָאת וְיְיִרָאוּךָ כָּל-הַמַּעֲשִׂים ויְשְׁתַּחֲווּ לְפַניֶךָ כָּל-הַבְּרוּאִים וְיַעֲשֹׁנּוּ כֻּלָם אֲגֻדָּה אַחַת לַעֲשׂוֹת רְצוֹנְךָ בְּלֵבָב שָׁלֵם כְּמוֹ שֶׁיּדַָעְנוּ ייְ אֱלֹהֵֽינוּ שֶׁהַשִּׁלטוֹן לְפַּנְיָךְ עֹז בְּיָדְָךָ וּגְבוּרָה בִימִינךְ וּשְִׁמְךָ נוֹרָא עַל כָּל-מַה-שֶׁבָּרָאת:

וּבְכֵן תֵּן כָּבוֹד ייְ לְעַמֶּךָ תְּהִלָּה לִירֵאֶיךָ וְתְִקְוהָ לְדוֹרשֶׁיךָ וּפִתְחוֹן פֶּה לְמְיחֲלִים לָךְ שִׂמְחָה לְאַרְצֶךָ וְשְָׂשָׂוֹן לְעִירֶךָ בִּמְהֵרָה בְּיָמֶָינוּ:

וּבְכֵן צַדִּיקִים ירְִאוּ ויְשָׁמֲחוּ ויִשָׁרִים יעֲַלֹזוּ וחֲַסִידִים בְּרִנּהָ יגִָילוּ וּעְוֹלָתָה תִּקְפָּץ-פִּיהָ וּכְָל-הָרִשְׁעָה כֻּלָּה כְּעָשָׁן תִּכְלֶה כִּי תַעֲבִיר מֶמְשֶלֶת זָדָוּן מִן הָאָרֶץ:
Sanctifying This Day

Acceptance

Thanksgiving

Shalom
Open my lips, Beloved One, and let my mouth declare Your praise.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, God of our ancestors, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Rachel, and God of Leah, great, heroic, awesome God, supreme divinity, imparting deeds of loving-kindness, begetter of all, mindful of the devotion of our ancestors, bringing, with love, redemption to their children’s children for the sake of the Sacred Name. Remember us for life, our sovereign, who wishes us to live, and write us in the Book of Life, for Your sake, ever-living God. Sovereign, our help, salvation, and protector: Blessed are You, Eternal, the shield of Abraham and the help of Sarah.

You are forever powerful, Almighty One, You bring the dead to life, abundant in Your saving acts. With loving-kindness You sustain the living, bringing the dead to life with great compassion, upholding those who fall, healing the sick, freeing the captive, and remaining steadfast to those who sleep in the dust. Who can compare to You, almighty God, who can resemble You, the source of life and death, who causes salvation to grow?

Who can compare to You, source of all compassion, remembering all creatures, decreeing life! You are faithful in giving life to the dead. Blessed are You, Source of Life, who brings the dead to life.

Holy are You. Your Name is holy. And all holy beings hail You each day.

And therefore, Holy One our God, let awe of You infuse the whole of creation, and let awareness of You dwell in all Your creatures. Let every being worship You. Let all of them, as one, enact Your bidding with a whole and peaceful heart. For we have always known, Holy One, that all authority to rule belongs to You, all strength is rooted in You. Your Name alone is the source of awe that surges through all life.

And therefore, Holy One, let awe of You infuse us, let the praise of You ring out from all who worship You. Let hope enliven all who seek You,
and let all who look to You with hope find strength to speak. Grant joy throughout your land, let happiness resound throughout Your holy city, soon, and in our days.

And therefore, let the just rejoice and celebrate, let all who follow in Your path sing out, let all who love You dance with joy, and may Your power overwhelm all treachery, so that it vanish wholly from the earth like smoke. Then shall the power of injustice pass away from the earth.

Holy are You, and awe-inspiring is Your Name. There is no God apart from You, as it is written: “The Creator of the hosts of heaven shall be exalted through the rule of law, and God, the Holy One, will be made sacred by the reign of justice.” Blessed are You, Eternal One, the holy sovereign power.

You have loved us, and have taken pleasure in us, and have sanctified us with Your mitzvot, and You have brought us, Sovereign One, near to Your service, and have called us to the shelter of Your great and sacred Name. And You have given us, Eternal, our God On Rosh HaShanah: this day of Remembering, a day to hear the Shofar.

Our God, our ancients’ God, may our prayer arise and come to You, and be held and be acceptable. Let it be heard, acted upon, remembered - remembering us and all our needs, remembering our ancestors, remembering messianic hopes, remembering all who are in awe of Your Name. Act for goodness and grace, love and care, life, well-being and peace on this Day of Remembering.

Remember us this day, Eternal, our God, for goodness. Favor us this day with blessing. Preserve us this day for life. With Your redeeming, nurturing word, be kind and generous. Act tenderly on our behalf, and grant us success over all our trials. Truly, our eyes turn toward You, for You are a providing God, gracious and compassionate are You.

Our God, our ancients’ God, rule over all the world in its entirety, by showing forth Your glory, and be raised up over all the earth in Your beloved presence. And let the wondrous aura of Your reign be manifest in all who dwell upon the earth: let every creature know that You are its creator, let every living thing be aware that You have fashioned it, let everyone who draws the breath of life declare that You, Eternal, reign supreme, and that Your sovereignty embraces all.

Our God, our ancients’ God, enable us to realize holiness through Your mitzvot, give us our portion in Your Torah, let us enjoy the good things of Your world, and gladden us with Your salvation. Refine our
hearts to serve You truthfully, for You are a God of truth, and Your word is truth and endures forever. Blessed are You, Eternal, the sovereign power over all the earth, who raises up the people Israel and this day of remembering to holiness.

Take pleasure, Eternal, our God, in Israel. Lovingly accept their prayer. May Israel’s worship always be acceptable to You. And may our eyes behold Your homecoming with compassionate intent, to Zion. Blessed are You, Faithful One, who brings Your presence home to Zion.

We give thanks to You that You are The All-Compassionate, our God, God of our ancestors, today and always. A firm, enduring source of life, to shield to us in time of trial, You are ever there, from age to age. We acknowledge You, declare Your praise, and thank You for our lives entrusted to Your hand, our souls placed in Your care, for Your miracles that greet us every day, and for Your wonders and the good things that are with us every hour, morning, noon and night. Good One, whose kindness never stops, Compassionate One, whose loving acts have never failed - always have we placed our hope in You.

For all these things, Your Name be blessed and raised in honor always, sovereign of ours, forever. And write down for a good life all who share Your covenant. Let all of life acknowledge You! May all beings praise Your name in truth, O God, our rescue and our aid. Blessed are You, Compassionate One, whose Name is good, to whom all thanks are due.

Grant abundant peace eternally for the world. For You are the sovereign source of all peace. So may it be a good thing in Your eyes to bless Your people Israel, and all who dwell on earth, in every time and hour with Your peace.

In the book of life, blessing, and peace, and proper sustenance, may we be remembered and inscribed, we and all who are in awe of Your Name, for a good life and for peace. Blessed are You, Compassionate One, maker of peace.

OSEH SHALOM

ועֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם
ועֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם

Oseh shalom, oseh shalom (call/response)

Melody by YofiYah

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Avinu Malkeinu, chaneinu va’aneinu (x2)
ki ein banu ma’asim
Asei imanu tzedakah va-chesed (x2)
v’hoshi-einu.

Our Creator, Our Guardian, be gracious and respond to us, for we have too few good deeds; act toward us with justice tempered by love, and help us be whole.

Our Compassionate One, Our Just One, forgive us for the sake of Your Name.

Our Rock, Our Redeemer, renew for us a good year.

Our Rescuer, Our Hope, help us find courage and hope within us.

Our Mother, Our Life’s Breath, remove from all your children disease, war, famine, exile and destruction.

Our Divine Presence, Our Soul, forgive us and help us forgive ourselves for all of our wrongdoing.

Our Help, Our Guide, may we return to you in whole hearted repentance.

Our Friend, Our Beloved, remember us with favor.

Our God, Our Leader, accept our prayer in favor and with mercy.

Our Mother, Our Life’s Breath, hear our voices, show us mercy and compassion.

Our Divine Presence, Our Soul, inscribe us in the book of reconciliation.

Our Eternal One, Our Redeemer, inscribe us in the book of merit.

Our Friend, Our Beloved, inscribe us in the book of good life.

Our Creator, Our Guardian, be gracious and respond to us, for we have too few good deeds; act toward us with justice tempered by love, and help us be whole.

Adapted from Kedem Congregation
**TREE OF LIFE / ANA EL NA**

O sweet Spirit, hear my prayer  
Help these words heal someone out there  
I am but a voice, just a cry in the air  
But I sing, nonetheless, in this pain we share

O sweet friends, come and dry your eyes  
And hold each other by this Tree of Life  
I’m angry and tired of this great divide  
But I sing, nonetheless, with love on our side

Ana El na refa na la …  
(Please G!d heal her now)

O sweet souls who feel broken now  
We’ll heal together, somewhere, somehow  
Time and again, we have been let down  
But we sing, nonetheless, still whole and still proud

O sweet Spirit, hear my prayer  
Help these words heal someone out there

_Nefesh Mountain_

**ONE DAY / ALEINU**

Sometimes I lay under the moon  
And thank God I’m breathin’  
Then I pray, “Don’t take me soon  
‘Cause I am here for a reason.”

Sometimes in my tears I drown  
But I never let it get me down  
So when negativity surrounds  
I know some day it’ll all turn around because

All my life I’ve been waitin’ for  
I’ve been prayin’ for  
For the people to say  
That we don’t wanna fight no more  
There’ll be no more war  
And our children will play
One day, one day, one day, oh
One day, one day, one day, oh

It’s not about win or lose, ‘cause we all lose
When we focus on, all the pain and suffering
Witness all the struggling
Keep on movin’ though the waters stay ragin’

In this maze
You can lose your way, your way
It might drive you crazy but
Don’t let it faze you, no way, no way!

Sometimes in my tears I drown
But I never let it get me down
So when negativity surrounds
I know some day it’ll all turn around because

All my life I’ve been waitin’ for
I’ve been prayin’ for
For the people to say
That we don’t wanna fight no more
There’ll be no more war
And our children will play

One day, one day, one day, oh
One day, one day, one day, oh

One day this all will change, treat people the same
Stop with the violence, down with the hate
One day we’ll all be free, and proud to be
Under the same sun, singin’ songs of freedom like

Why-ohh! (One day, one day) why-oh, oh, oh!
Why-ohh! (One day, one day) why-oh, oh, oh!

All my life I’ve been waitin’ for
I’ve been prayin’ for
For the people to say
That we don’t wanna fight no more
There’ll be no more war
And our children will play

One day, one day, one day, oh
One day, one day, one day, oh

Matasyahu
MOURNER'S KADDISH

Yitgadal v’yitkadash sh’mei raba b’almah divra chirutei v’yamilich malchutei b’chayei v’yom-eichon u-v’chayei d’chol beit isra-el ba-agala u-vizman kariv v’imru amen.

Y’hei shmei rabah m’vorach l’alam ul-almei almaya.

Yitbarach v’yishtabach v’it’pa-ar v’yitromam v’yitnasei v’yithadar v’yit-haleh v’yithalal sh’mei d’kudsha b’rich hu.

L’eilah mikol birchata v’shirata tush-b’chata v’nech’mata da-amiran b’alma v’imru amen.

Y’hei shlama raba min sh’maya v’chayim aleinu v’al kol isra-el v’imru amen.

Oseh shalom bimromav hu ya-aseh shalom aleinu v’al kol isra-el v’al kol yoshvei teivel v’imru amen.
LET JOY

Let joy spread across your face,
Flash from your eyes,
Beam from your lips.

Let joy quiet your heart,
Sooth your lungs,
Relieve your chest.

For joy is in the dawn and the dusk,
The silence and the great expanse,
The flow of light,
Divine wonder and awe.

Let joy hold you,
Carry you,
Burst forth from your words and deeds.
Let joy take you from season to season.
Dance and sing,
Celebrate and rejoice,
Lifting your life with exultation.
Let joy be your light and your lamp.

Blessed is the Source of joy.

Alden Solovy
JOY

I am filled by the light
Of a thousand rainbows
Softening my way
Softening my way (To you). (x2)

Joy, Joy is in my heart
Joy is in my heart
Joy is in my heart (x2)

I am washed by the tears,
Of a thousand rain drops
Softening my way
Softening my way (To you). (x2)

Joy, Joy is in my heart
Joy is in my heart
Joy is in my heart (x2)

I am painted by the hues
Of a thousand rainbows
Softening my way
Softening my way (To you). (x2)

Joy, Joy is in my heart
Joy is in my heart
Joy is in my heart (x2)

Composer Unknown

JOYFUL SOUND

Take time to give thanks, make time to be giving
Gonna stop and think twice about the way that we’re living
Did I say a kind word, am I proud of my actions
You know a job well done gives us much satisfaction
Greet everyday with full purpose, passion and pride
Let’s follow our hearts and have nothing to hide
Can we earn your trust, your love and affection
Just one step at a time in the right direction
Gonna aim for the sky, keep our feet on the ground
Raise our voices to the heavens, make a joyful sound

Adapted from The String Cheese Incident
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