

Tear Down the Walls - Lyrics

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1. Let it Be Me (Elohai N'tzor)

One word, one start
One chance, one mark
One love, to share
One moment, to care
Let me be the one to find the strength
Let me be the one to stand up straight
Let me be the one to find the words that cannot wait

Let it be me, Elo-hai n'tzor l'shoni
Let it be me, meirah usfatai midabeir mirmah
Let it be me
I can, I will
Stand up, speak up
I learn, I'm brave
I can change, what I say

I am the one, the only one

To lift my legs, set my sight,
Say my say
Hold my tongue 'til
I've got something good to share
That's how I'm gonna live my life
I'm the only who knows what's right for me

2. Imagine

Imagine 1948, Promised Land becomes a state
Dreams of generations have come true
Imagine olive trees, as far as the eye can see
Memories of lives lost for me and you
Imagine Yitzchak Rabin making peace instead of enemies
Shalom chaver you lead us still with strength
Imagine our ancient family singing at the Sea of Reeds
If they could see us sing this song today

Imagine where we've been, what we've been through
Imagine how far we have come, what we can do
Imagine peace on earth, closer than it seems
When we imagine with our will, we'll always find our dreams
Imagine 6 million lights shining in the sky tonight Reminding us to fight for our dignity

Imagine Jewish teens in camps from coast to coast they sing Loud and proud
about their history Imagine Jews far and wide, united, standing side by side
Together we believe in our homeland
Imagine you and me singing perfect harmony, arm in arm, a community we stand

Imagine, Ilan Ramon, an Israeli man in outer space, staring down at the human race, he wonders when.
Imagine life if people could simply love and live. I want to dream like this forever, I know my work is never done. I want to be the one to change the way we see each other. I know I'm not the only one.

3. Elu D'varim

Sometimes, there are no words to describe
The color of sun, the blue of the sky
We rely on something deep inside that tells us to
Try and try to do what's right, just because
Our lives begin with everything we'll ever need.
Our lives begin with tears of joy
The birth of love and melody, a mother's lullaby, a father's harmony
In time we realize these are the only things we'll ever need

Elu d'varim, these are the things we do, the things we choose
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Elu d'varim, sheh'ein lahem, sheh'ein lahem shiur
Elu d'varim, these are the things
Sometimes, the clearest rules only color the outlines
Leave the rest for us to decide
We may be blind to the direction and the details
But we see the simple truth like a
Street light leading us to what is right

So we give, we give, we give when no one's looking
We love, we love, the stranger who no one's loving
We learn, we learn, to turn the page again and again
Each word, each word reminds us
Where we've come from
How far we can grow

4. Shir Lashalom

Shiru, shir lashalom
B'chol ha'aretz
Sing a song of peace
Every voice will sing
When we see the holiness in everyone
B'tzelem Elo-him
We are all colors of the rainbow
Through a prism of sacred light

We shine with shades of understanding
Between worlds of black and white

Sing a song of peace
Every voice will sing
We can gather every particle of love
And build a home of safety and relief
Our time is now, if not now when
We will walk the walk, then run, then fly
Write a song of peace that everyone can learn
And sing it loud with our might

5. Tear Down the Walls

Beneath our skin
The action we take
The strength we find
The changes we make
The hand we hold to a safer place
The courage to speak face to face
From our ears to our hands to the ground where we stand
We are holy and whole every woman and man
Being together is being alive
Only together will we survive
We can tear down the walls
Brick by brick, one by one
Until our love is greater than fear
Until we remember why we are here
We can tear down the walls
Every daughter every son
So we can build on better land
We can remember
Where we've come from
We can tear down the walls
Sometimes the stranger is someone new
Sometimes the stranger is part of you
The distance we make can cause so much pain
Or time to turn and look again

The birth of a child
The months of the year
Through the hurt and the healing
Hope reappears
Sometimes a field must burn to the ground
For fertile land to come around
We can learn, we can grow I believe
A united nation are we
When we've been starved of our hope and our homes and our lives
We've survived on our responsibility

6. Avadim Hayinu

Avadim hayinu, hayinu
Atah b'nai chorin, b'nai chorin
Avadim hayinu, atah, atah
b'nai chorin
We'll walk hand in hand someday
We shall all be free someday
We are not afraid today
We are not alone
Deep in my heart I do believe
Freedom! Freedom! Libertad!
We shall overcome someday
No one is free 'till everyone is free

7. Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing
'Til earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of liberty
Lift every voice and sing
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
And lift every voice and sing

Sing a song full of the faith

That the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope
That the present has brought us
The present has brought us

Facing the rising sun
Of our new day begun
Let us march on and on
'Til victory is won

8. V'ahavta

V'havta l'reiacha kamocho
You've got this life to live
You've got so much to give
You've got this time to share
You've got this smile to wear
You've got this heart to love
You've got to rise above
You've got so much to say
You've got to love somebody
Like you love yourself

You've got so much to learn
You've got respect to earn
You've got to live your dream
You've got this song to sing
You've got this job to do
You've got a point of view
You've got to do the work
You've got to love somebody
Like you love yourself

9. La'asok B'divrei Torah

When you wake up and you see the sunrise
When you look up and it's love for the first time
When you see a shooting star in the night sky

When you help a friend make it through the traffic
When you read the book and see yourself in it
When you make a difference
And you know the world knows it
It's everything we do, everything we say
Everything we are
Laasok b'divrei Torah, Torah, Laasok b'divrei Torah
It's what we do, what we say,
It's how we live our lives with meaning everyday
Laasok b'divrei Torah
When you're walking or you're breathing or you're listening
When you look and everywhere you find a blessing
When you're praying for a stranger who needs the healing
When you take a stand for what you know is right
When you will not see the world in black and white
When you see the rain stop and find the rainbow

We are all Yisrael
We've struggled hard since our creation
Yisrael, we must never reach our destination

10. Let My People Go

I said let my, let my people go
I said let my, let my people go
I said let my, let my people go
Oh Pharaoh don't you mess around with me
Our father Moses knocked on Pharaoh's door
He said let my, let my people go
And Moses said
The Lord is getting mad
Pharaoh looked him in the eye and he said no
Aw now Pharaoh wasn't very bright
So the Lord helped him see the light
9 plagues on Egypt
The Lord sent a mighty sign
After number 10 Pharaoh seemed to change his mind

Children of Israel

We shed our chains

And we say never, never again will we bound, under evil hand

Together we will always find our promised land