

Words to the Songs in I Choose Torah

1) Welcome Shabbat

The week has come to an end
And it's time to greet Shabbas our friend
Shabbas most precious of days
To give God our love and our praise.
Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat Shalom,
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2) Sweet Repose

To every troubled soul weary from life's toil
May this Shabbas bring you sweet repose.
To everyone one in need, be content and be at peace
May this Shabbas bring you sweet repose.

To every heart bowed low from the sorrows you have known
Let now comfort well from deep within.
May God's blessings to you flow
May this Shabbas bring you sweet repose.

All vanished dreams and shattered hopes
Vanities toward which you grope
Be forgotten for at least a while.
Every tear-filled eye red from crying now be dry
And sparkle with a Shabbas glow.

May every wound now mend and all strife come to an end
Let us speak no more of friends and foes.
As love blooms and hearts unfold
May this Shabbas bring you sweet repose.

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3) They Journeyed

When the children of Israel left Egypt land
They journeyed, they journeyed
Wandered forty long years through the desert sand
They journeyed, they journeyed
Through the troubles and the trials and the struggles all the while
They saw God's mighty hand.
And it's on they journeyed always ever onward on the way to the promised land,
Yes it's on they journeyed always ever onward on the way to the promised land.

With a man named Moses at the head of the clan
They journeyed, they journeyed.
God spoke to Moses and He showed him his plan
They journeyed, they journeyed.
From a lowly group of slaves who toiled night and day he made a mighty band.
And it's on they journeyed always ever onward on the way to the promised land,
Yes it's on they journeyed always ever onward on the way to the promised land.

Well God saw this little band so brave and bold
As they journeyed, they journeyed.
He claimed them for His own, yes He made His will be known
They journeyed, they journeyed
He gave them His law of truth and good
To help them understand.
And it's on they journeyed always ever onward on the way to the promised land,
Yes it's on they journeyed always ever onward on the way to the promised land.

For three thousand years of blood sweat and tears
They journeyed, they journeyed.
Time and time again no one to call a friend
They journeyed, they journeyed.
Trying to build a world of justice peace and love
If anyone can do it they can.
For it's on they journeyed always ever onward on the way to the promised land,
Yes it's on they journeyed always ever onward on the way to the promised land.

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4) Torat Adonai T'mimah

Traditional Hebrew words from Psalm 19:
God's Torah is perfect, restoring the soul...

5) When I find That Promised Land

When I find that promised land I'm looking for
Love and truth will fill each heart right to the core.

We will dance and sing together evermore
When I find that promised land I'm looking for.

The birds and animals will join the song
There'll be joy and happiness there'll be no wrong
Be no sickness, we'll all be healthy and strong
And I hope the time will come before too long.

Holding hands and skipping through the fields and plains
Golden rays from up above guiding the way
Flowing over without even words to say
And we'll know it's all worthwhile on that great day,
And we'll know it's all worthwhile on that great day.

6) The Synagogue In My Town

When the noise and all the rush
From this old world become too much
I find comfort in the Synagogue in my town.

In the House of God that I love so
Peace and gladness fill my soul
I find comfort in the Synagogue in my town.

Neighbors and friends gathered together
Singing as one, what could be better
Such memories and sweet moments I recall.

In my heart down through the years
In my laughter and my tears
I've found comfort in the Synagogue in my town.

Whether it's dark or whether it's bright
inside burns eternal light
Here the symbols of our folk are all around.

It's a blessing just to know
It's standing there if I need to go
To find comfort in the Synagogue in my town.

7) Hinei El Yishuati

Traditional Hebrew words from the Siddur - prayerbook -
recited at Havdalah, marking the conclusion of the Sabbath:
Behold God is my Deliverer, I shall trust and not be afraid.

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8) Even When

When the sun is not shining and the skies are dark and gray
I may not sing like I sang yesterday
I may not feel the warmth of heaven's light divine
But I still believe even when the sun won't shine.

Even when the sun's not shining there is so much to remind me
Of God's goodness, of God's mercy, of His love.
Though I may grope in darkness and be blinded for a while
I still believe even when the sun won't shine.

When this world with all its beauty has failed to inspire
And for life and for laughter I've lost all desire
Though the search for an answer has eluded my mind
I still believe even when the sun won't shine.

Even when the sun's not shining there is so much to remind me
Of God's goodness, of God's mercy, of His love.
Though I may grope in darkness and be blinded for a while
I still believe even when the sun won't shine.

9) Mount Sinai

I've got a memory deep inside of me of Sinai, Mt. Sinai
In my heart I feel all God once revealed on Sinai, Mt. Sinai.

To the Hebrew folk God came down and spoke on Sinai, Mt. Sinai
Ten commandments carved in rock God gave to guide his flock on Sinai,
Mt. Sinai.

She's not a mighty mountain she's just a little peak
But when I think of her how high I can reach
Once way back in time I stood by the side of Sinai, Mt. Sinai.

People filled with awe pledged to keep God's law on Sinai, Mt. Sinai
Ever since that stand I've been a mountain man, since Sinai, Mt. Sinai.

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10) I Choose Torah

I can't worry what other people do
They've got their paths and I have got mine too
And if you ask me what path do I choose
I choose Torah.

Torah, I choose Torah,
Torah brings out my best
To live by Torah is my quest.

Torah, a Tree of life to all who hold her
Torah brings out my best
To live by Torah is my quest.

Torah means all that's good and that's true
It's doing all you know God wants you to do
It's making sure our people lives tomorrow, too
I choose Torah.

Torah, I choose Torah,
Torah brings out my best
To live by Torah is my quest.

Torah, a Tree of life to all who hold her
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12) Only To Go A Little Higher

Not to be rich or to pull a fast switch
To be famous or to set the world on fire
Not to be great or to carry all the weight
To be king or that they should call me sire.

Only to go a little higher
That is my soul's whole desire
Lord above testify that I'm no liar.

Not to cheat fate or to sit and contemplate
On things not in man's power to aspire
Not to prophesy or to be one they call wise
To write books or have my songs sung by a choir.

Only to go a little higher
That is my soul's whole desire
Lord above testify that I'm no liar.

Not to do you in or to raise my self therein
Parade about all dressed in fine attire
Not to fly to Mars or shake hands with movie stars
Drink champagne or be craftier or slyer.

Only to go a little higher
That is my soul's whole desire
Lord above testify that I'm no liar.

11) The Shabbas Waltz

How sweet to be with dear friends and loving family
In our little cabin home on Shabbas day
Rustic woods and babbling creek, the majestic mountain peaks
How beautiful life can be.
Sway with me, play with me
Let gladness fill every heart
Six work days are done, the seventh now has come
Step with me to the Shabbas waltz.
Let's dance to the Shabbas waltz, let's dance to the Shabbas waltz
Put your hand in mine on this day divine
And let's dance to the Shabbas waltz.