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Full Circle

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One of the first songs that I played on my guitar was for God It was alright for a kid but I did decide that I would move on So as I grew I would aspire
To play for a cause that I thought hire
How could I have know that I was already there?
That rockin' in a bar each night would leave me uninspired

Chorus

So my new song to God isn't really new
Seems that all my life that I have known just what to do
But if you'd asked me I didn't know then
That I'd be coming round full circle again
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That I'd be coming round full circle again

Growing up in the burbs was alright for a sheltered young girl But it just wouldn't do if you wanted to get out and see the world So I ran as far as I could go, searching for a place I didn't know I wouldn't have believed that my past would follow me And I'd wind up in the house that I'd abandoned long ago

Chorus

Wisdom comes from doing something twice Not from taking popular advice Turn those words over and over 'til you see That you're back to where you started Back to peace, back to life, back to God

Strengthen One Another

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I've got a soul, I've got a spirit
I 've got a heart and I've got a mind
I've got a voice, if you can hear it
We'll be just fine, we'll be just fine

Chorus

Chazak, Chazak-we'll strengthen one another Chazak, Chazak-our voices they will rise Chazak, Chazak-you're my sister, you're my brother And this world will fill with ruach before our very eyes

I've got a song, I've got a message I've got a will and I've got a way You are my gift, you are my blessing So let us make this a special day

Chorus

With our voices we can speak, with our voices we can shout, with our voices we can share
With our voices we can teach, with our voices we can touch, we can show how much we care
With our voices we can sing and let our smiles hang in the air

Lech L'cha

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Take a deep breath, open your eyes
What you are feeling is true
Take a deep breath, listen real close
'Cause God is calling you
You'll only take that first step once, the rest will come more easily
And when you let go of the past the future's plain to see

Chorus

Lech L'cha, get out on your own Lech L'cha, take flight from your home Lech L'cha, your faith will carry you And give you strength you never knew

Take a deep breath, stop thinking small
Break down the walls that you've built
Take a deep breath, reach out your hand
And sign on to God's will
Blessings await you for the risks that you are willing to take
Rewards one hundred fold for the sacrifices you will make

Chorus

Vayomer Adonai el Avram, Vayomer Adonai el Avram,

Sing Me A Song

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Sing me a song, lull me to sleep Cause me O God to lie down in peace Commune with the stars no matter how far they seem Resolving my days through my dreams

Sing me a song, leave a smile on my lips Let my eyes close under Your tender kiss As I drink in Your warmth, peace is my fill My body and mind can lie still

> Chorus Ufros Aleinu, Sukkat Shlomecha Ufros Aleinu, Sukkat Shlomecha

Sing me a song, O God I am weary Lighten my soul and wipe all my tears Protect me from harm when I don't know harm's near Shelter me God from my fears

Chorus

Sing me a song, lull me to sleep Cause me, O God, to lie down in peace

Nigun

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Chorus Ya la la...

I've got this feeling welling up in me No thoughts, no words, no ideology It's quite an overwhelming thing And it makes me want to sing I've got this feeling welling up in me

I sense this spirit moving up through me I believe it can control my destiny It's coming out in wordless song Infectious, you will sing along I sense this spirit moving up through me

Chorus

I've got this rhythm tapping through my feet I think it is in sync with my heartbeat Throughout me it has worked my way So with my body I will pray I've got this rhythm tapping through my feet

Aaron's Song

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You went up on the mountain all alone And left me with these people on my own We are waiting, I am waiting What will we learn, when you return

God raised you up more than any man And left me in the role of your right hand What do the people see when they look at me When asked to lead, will I succeed

Moses they don't believe you'll come down soon And I don't think my faith can sustain us We are the lost ones, we are the desert bloom Please don't be angry, please don't blame us

For I don't have the strength to make things right As you bask in all God's wisdom, all God's might O my brother, my brother Only through you am I blessed too O my brother, my brother What will we learn if you return

That's It, Moses!

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Chorus

That's It, Moses, I hear what your God is saying I'm going to let your people go said Pharoah That's It, Moses, I hear what your God is saying I'm going to let your people go said Pharoah But when he let the people go, he hardened his heart and said no And then came another plague

Blood is running where there should be water Frogs are jumping on our sons and daughters Gnats are flying everywhere, and lice is getting in our hair

Chorus

Cattle are dying what a mortal sin Boils are bubbling anywhere there's skin Hail is falling from the sky and locusts eat everything, why?

Chorus

Darkness is falling all around our land And now your telling us death will be at hand These plagues aren't any fun, you've taken our first born son!

Chorus

That's It, Moses, I hear what your God is saying I'm going to let your people go said Pharoah That's It, Moses, I hear what your God is saying I'm going to let your people go said Pharoah Across the sea we'll go, but not old Pharoah

Mi Chamocha baelim Adonai Mi Chamocha ne'edar bakodesh Nora t'hilot oseh feleh Nora t'hilot oseh feleh

That's it!

On That Sacred Day

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What will we hope for when we've beaten all disease When our bodies are all strong and our minds can rest at ease Well until then I'll keep hoping 'til I can't hope anymore And teach the children what they must hope for

What will we wish for when freedom rules the land When mercy tempers justice under our law's gentle hand Well until then I'll keep wishing 'til I can't wish anymore And teach the children what they must wish for

Chorus
On that sacred day
We'll hope new hopes, wish new wishes
And pray our work is done
On that sacred day
You shall be one and Your name shall be one

What will we pray for when we finally live in peace When we see God in eachother's faces and make all our wars cease Well until then I'll keep praying 'til I can't pray anymore And teach the children what they must pray for

A Way to Say Ah

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Recorded on the CD A Way to Say Ah
Inspired by Shehechayanu prayer

A miracle happened today Was I aware, did I even care A miracle happened today Did I pause enough?

Chorus
To find a way to say ah
A way to say mmm
A way to say "Oh, thank God I've arrived"
A way to say ah
A way to say mmm
A way to say "Oh thank God I'm alive"

A coincidence happened today Was this circumstance happening by chance A coincidence happened today And did I pause enough?

Chorus

A way to sanctify the time to remember
That on our journey we are not alone
A way to not allow my senses to be dulled to the wonders I will be shown

Keeping Me Whole

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It was the evening and the tightening in her belly was the sign How many evenings had she dreamt about this moment in her mind Did she really know how she'd be changed? She would forever cross the line. No longer living for herself Her life forever intertwined

So as this child grew she found herself profoundly amazed And when their eyes met hers would fill up with the tears of childhood days Could her mother love her this much? Had she lost emotional command? Is this how much God loves us? Would we ever really understand?

The love pours from my skin, for you, my child, are sewn within my soul Pulsing through my veins Sustaining me, keeping me whole

Instrumental verse

The love pours from my skin, for you, my child, are sewn within my soul Pulsing through my veins Sustaining me, keeping me whole