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Working for Shalom

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Recorded on the CD *Love Your Neighbor*

In the garden Adam had no worries
In that world there was no word for war
Now banished, incomplete and full of fury
With no garden anymore

Hurtful words are coming from the writers
Money meant for learning funds defense
Graceful moves come only from the fighters
Instead, let's get out and dance

Chorus

I'm working for Shalom
I'm praying for Sha la la la la la lalom
I'm singing for Shalom
Sha la la la la la la lalom

Misdirected talent fuels the fire
Hungry but not knowing what we crave
Sends us 'round in circles 'til we tire
With only our souls to save

One day we will leave our doors wide open
On that day our hearts will open too
Until that time is here I'll just keep hopin'
That we will know what to do

Chorus

Who is brave enough to be humble?
Who stands tall enough to sit down?
Who can use their power to be quiet
'Til the others come around

Chorus

Lo V'Chayil

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Hebrew text: Zecharia 4:6

Recorded on the CD *Love Your Neighbor*, written in honor of the 30th year of women in the rabbinate

*Translation Not by might, nor by power, but
by my spirit alone.*

I will take my place
I will add my words
With dignity and grace
I'll honor the ones before me

I will lend my voice
I will light the flame
I make the holy choice
To serve and teach and sing God's name

Chorus

Lo v'chayil v'lo v'choach vim b'ruchi
Lo v'chayil v'lo v'choach vim b'ruchi

The Shechinah will dwell
The Shechinah is part of me
The stories I will tell
Will help our people see differently

Chorus

Tears of pain, tears of joy
Fill the well that sustains us
Not by might nor by power but by our spirit alone
Shall we all live in peace and serve in peace

Chorus

The Word

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Hebrew text: from morning service, prayerbook

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*Translation: Blessed is the One who spoke
and created the world.*

When all was dark and there was nothing
From out of the darkness there was the word
And when all was still on the verge of creation
From out of the stillness there came the word

Chorus

You are The Word, the first and the last
Baruch she'amar v'haya ha'olam
You are The Word, through Your lips life would pass
Baruch she'amar v'haya ha'olam

A word to set the world in motion
A word to bring on the light
Let all hear with awe and devotion
That the language of God is life, is life

Chorus

When it is dark and I can't find my being
I reach in the darkness for Your word
And when I am still on the verge of creation
I search in my stillness for the right word

Chorus w/echo

You are The Word, [and there was evening]
the first and the last [and there was morning]
Baruch she'amar v'haya ha'olam [on the first day]
You are The Word, [v'y'hi erev]
through Your lips life would pass [v'yihi voker]
Baruch she'amar v'haya ha'olam [yom echad]

Translation of echo:

And there was evening

And there was morning

On the first day

Kol Yisrael

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Hebrew text: Babylonian Talmud, Shavuot 29a

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Trans: All Israel is responsible one for another.

You can say that I don't know you
You can say you don't know me
You can say that we're so far apart
But only geographically

Though the road is long between us
Your blood runs through my veins
Your triumph is my joy
And your sorrow is my pain

Chorus

Kol Yisrael arevim zeh l'zeh, Kol Yisrael arevim zeh l'zeh
Kol Yisrael arevim zeh l'zeh, Kol Yisrael arevim zeh l'zeh

We can let our hearts be tender
Or we can let them turn to stone
We can stand strengthened together
Or fall desperately alone

Chorus

Heroes Like You

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In memory of Ilan Ramone

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In the desert, lost in freedom, tablets smashed in dismay
“Build an ark, a holy vessel to carry it away
and if your heart so moves you, God said, bring your special skill
and make this vessel sacred with your hands and what you feel.
Give my gift a place of honor to remind you who I am.
May my words not end in pieces scattered o’er the land.”

Chorus

Round and round you’ll go, to all the world you’ll show
That you we just don’t survive, we flourish and we thrive
Heroes like you will keep the faith alive

Europe cries, children die, who will save the chosen ones?
Will they perish in the terror when the war is done?
Then in the middle of the night a boy becomes a man
Screams in his ears, death at his feet, a torah reaches his hands
“Now take this gift to safety, my son, for you will surely live.
Find it a place of honor, for this, my life, I’ll give.

Chorus

Two nations cry as seven die, the heavens are aflame
A holy vessel’s precious cargo is pouring down like rain
And out in Eastern Texas lies a man on holy ground
Who took a grown boy’s torah from that European town
He reached above the smoke of death, he rose above the wall
And took the gift up to the stars to shine upon us all

Chorus

You gave God’s gift a place of honor and remembered God’s command
Now those words are scattered blessings over you and all the land

Love Your Neighbor

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Based on Leviticus 18:19

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It seems so perfectly simple
We make it so complex
What should come naturally to us
Leaves us unnaturally vexed

Dismissing those who are different
We barely know their names
Believing our own propaganda
When we're the ones to blame

Chorus

Love your neighbor (love your neighbor)
Love your neighbor (as yourself)
Do the world a favor love your neighbor as yourself
Love your neighbor (love your neighbor)
Love your neighbor (as yourself)
Do the world a favor love your neighbor as yourself

No one said it'd be easy
We can agree to disagree
But holding each life sacred
Will set our souls free

Chorus

It starts in your home with your brother and sister
Don't forget the classroom and the boardroom, mister
Spreads over the land, and over the seas,
And when we run out of places, well, we get world peace

Chorus

Benediction

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Hebrew text: Deuteronomy

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*Translation: May you be blessed as you
enter, may you be blessed as you leave*

Baruch atah b'voecha, b'voecha
Baruch atah b'tzeitecha, b'tzeitecha

May you be blessed as you come in,
And as you leave, may God bless you again
Amen, amen, amen