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First Friday, service and notes, 1974.

MR We form our words around them
Night and day.
Never withhold Your love from us.
Lover of Israel
You are praised.

שָׁמַע יִשְּׁרָאֵל יִהֹוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִהוָה אֶחָר:

בָרוּך שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלֶם וָעָד:

DJS And you shall serve the Lord your God out of LOVE with an undivided heart with your lifeblood with all that you own.

Take to heart

These things I command you today.

Tell your children about them.

Talk about them

at home and on the street night and morning.

Wear them on your arm and between your eyes
To remind you that your hands and mind
Are dedicated to My work.
Write them on the doorpost of your house
and on the gates of your city
to tell those who enter:
These are the words this household lives by.

If you will listen to my <u>mitzvot</u> which I am commanding you today--to love the Lord your God and to serve Him with your whole heart and soul--then I will provide for your physical needs so that you can devote your mind to My Torah. But watch yourself lest you open your heart to temptation and stray into serving gods of greed and ego and bow down to them. For then God's anger will be kindled against you, and He will leave you to contend with nature like the exploiters and destroyers you imitated. And sometimes there will be no rain and the tired earth will yield no produce--you will fast disappear from the good land God gave you.

It was at the creation that God took some of His own light and poured it into the vessels of the spheres of the universe. But the lower spheres were too weak to contain a light so powerful. They cracked, and sparks of light fell down and down until they reached the lowest created world—the physical world. In falling the sparks took on form and became embedded in physical things; wood and water and living creatures, metal and stone. Ever and ever the spark wishes to return to the source of all light. And when a mitzvah is done with any physical thing or when God is thanked for having created it so beautiful or strong or fragrant, the spark within is wakened. It flames out and rises and is reunited with its source.

Choir:

HASHIVENU

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Hand in hand with Queen Shabbat, the mystics of S'fat walked into the Sabbath world. Once again, it was the last day of the first week that had ever been, and with Sabbath eyes, they saw the new-minted creation. There were great black trees with crumbly bark and tender leaves. There was new grass to walk on, and the smell of soil and growing. There was a freshly forged sky set with untarnished stars. There was the first of all silences since the clatter of creation began. Far away, the Sabbath day sang to God in its deep quiet voice.

ברוך יו המברך לעולם ועד:

MR The king of the universe
(Praised be He)
Brings on evening with a word,
Opens heaven's gates with wisdom,
Cycles time with sensitive judgment,
Switches the seasons,
And orders the orbits of a sky full of stars.

MR He creates each day and night afresh,
Rolls light in front of darkness
And darkness in front of light
So gently
That no moment is quite like the one before
Or After.
Second by second
You make day pass into night
And You alone know the boundary point
Dividing one from the other.
Unifier of all beings is Your name.

MR Timeless God,
Be King forever.
You who bring the evening in
Are praised.

With infinite love
You loved us, Lord.
You taught us for love-language

Torah,

Mitzvot,

Laws and judgments.

MR Sleeping and walking
We bear them in mind.
We shall enjoy them forever.
They are our life.
They give dimension to our days.

Many centuries ago, on this day - Friday - just at the hour when the sun's rays slant and the shadows lengthen, the great mystics of the town of S'fat would dress in white robes to walk out and welcome the Sabbath Queen. Off they would go, dancing through green fields. The sun spun further and further west. From the edges of the sky, twilight mustered. The mystics of S'fat sang six psalms for the six weekdays, and with each psalm they savored once again the taste of that particular and irretrievable day.

MR For Sunday they sang: 'Let's sing to the Lord and shout to the One who saves us. "

DJS For Monday they sang: "Sing God a new song. Sing to God, all the earth."

MR For Tuesday they sang: "God is ruling. Let the earth be glad. Let the far-flung islands celebrate."

DJS For Wednesday they sang: "Sing God a new song, for He has made miracles." &

MR For Thursday they sang: "God is ruling. Let nations tremble."

For Friday, Friday which melts into Shabbat, they sang King David's song.

"Praise the Lord, sons of the mighty ones, say that glory and strength
are God's."

The sinking sun made their eyes dazzle. Faster and faster the great wheel of the week revolved for them, and as they danced, they cried out words of love for the loving God who had made the green earth and the golden Torah and the lovely Queen Shabbat who was even now walking toward them across the fields.

They could see her now, as the world grew greyer. She wore a dress the color of wine and her arms were outstretched and her eyes were shining. The mystics reached out to embrace her, and they sang her the song which one of their number had composed in her honor.

לְכָה דוֹדִי לְקְרָאת כַּלָּה. פְנֵי שַׁבָּת נְקַבְּלָה:

שְׁמוֹר וְּלָכוֹר בִּרְבּוֹר אֶהָד. הִשְּׁמִישְׁנוּ אֵל הַמְיִקּד. וְיִּשְׁמוֹ אֶחָד. לְשֵׁמ וּלֹרִנּפְּאֶרֶת וְלְרְהִקּלְה: לכה לְּכָה דּוֹדִי לְקרֵאת בַּלְה. פְּנֵי שַׁבָּת וְקַבְּלְה: כְּי הָתְעוֹרֵרִי. כִּי בָא אוֹרַדְּ קוֹמִי אִוֹרִי. עְּיִרִי שִׁיר דַּבֵּרִי. כְּבוֹד יִי עָלַיִדְ נִגְלָה: לְכָה דּוֹדִי לְקרָאת בַּלְה. פְּנֵי שַׁבָּת וְקַבְּלְה: בְּוֹאִי בְשָׁלוֹם עֲמֶרֶת בַּעְלָה. נְם בְּשִׁמְחָה בִּיֹאִר בִּלְה. מוֹדְ אֵמוֹנֵי עַם סִגְּלָה. בְּוֹאִי כַלְּה. בִּוֹאִי כַלְה. בִּוֹאִי כַלְה. בִּוֹאִי כַלְה. בִּוֹאִי לַקרָאת בַּלְה. פְּנֵי שֵׁבָת וְקַבְּלָה: כְּלָה: לְּקרָאת בַּלְה. פְּנֵי שֵׁבָת וְקַבְּלָה: לְּקרָאת בַּלְה. פְּנֵי שֵׁבָת וְקַבְּלָה:

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Lord of all worlds, I have come before You as a single Jew to pray the great prayer of my people. It may be that no one has ever used this paper I read to praise You. It may be that no one has ever addressed You from the spot on which I stand. It may be that this mouth of mine has never formed these words to speak to You. Perhaps some spark is slumbering here, waiting for me and my prayer... a spark which only I can raise. Give me the strength to concentrate my mind, my body, my senses on this prayer, this time, this place alone; so that no spark will oversleep its time on my account. ALFINII

נְלֵינוּ לְשַׁבְּהַ לַאֲרוֹן הַכּל. לָתַת וְּדְלָה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרַאשִׁית. שָׁהוּא נוֹטָה שָׁמֵים וְיוֹסֵר אֶרֶץ. ומוֹשֵׁב יָקרוֹ בַשָּׁמַיִם מִמְעַל. וּשְׁכִינַת עְזוֹ בְּנָבְהַי מְרוֹמִים. הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֵין עוֹר:

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MR May it be Your will, that before it is too late all men may have a revelation of You. Then they will sweep away the idols of ego and pride and do away with the false gods of greed and cruelty. They will repair the world and live by Your rule of peace. All mankind will call on Your name and the lovers of destruction will turn to You and learn to create. Then Your oneness will be complete, for Your law of peace in heaven will be one with the law of peace on earth. And that peace will never end. As it says in the Torah, "The Lord shall reign forever and ever." And the Prophet adds, "The Lord will become King over all the earth. And on that day the Lord shall be one, and His name shall be One."

BAYOM HAHU

בינם ההנא יניינ די אתד נשעו אתד.

SOLO: Han'shamah Yoredet L'toch Haguf.

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