Pesach Songs

The Order of the Seder

Kadesh, Urchatz, Karpas, Yachatz,
Maggid, Rachtzah, Motzi Matzah,
Maror, Korech, Shulchan Orech,
Tzafun Baruch, Hallel, Nirtzah

Avadim Hayinu

Avadim Hayinu, Atah Bnai Chorin

We were slaves, and now we are free!

Ha Lachma Anya

Ha lachma anya di achalu avahatana
B’ara d’mitzrayim.
Kol dichfin yeitei v’yeichul
Kol ditzrich yeitei yayifsach.
Hashata hacha,
L'shanah ha-ba’ah b’ar-ah d’Yisrael
Hashata avdai, L'shanah ha-ba’ah b’nai chorin

This is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Mitzrayim. All who are hungry, let them come and eat. All who are in need, let them come and celebrate Pesach. Now we are here. Next year, in the land of Israel. Now we are enslaved. Next year, we will be free.

V’hee She-amdah

V’hee she-amidah l’avoteinu v’lanu
Shelo Echad Bilvad
Ahmad aleinu l’chaloteinu
Eia she-b’chol dor vador
Omdim aleinu l’chaloteinu
V’hakadosh Baruch hu matzileinu m’yadam.

It is the promise that has sustained our ancestors and us, for not just one enemy has arisen to destroy us, rather in every generation, there are those who seek our destruction. But the Holy One, praised be God, saves us from their hands.

B’chol Dor Vador

B’chol dor vador
chayavim anu
lirot et atzmeinu
k’ilu yatzanu m’mitzrayim.

In every generation, each of us should see ourselves as if we (personally) had been redeemed from Egypt.
**Mah Nishtanah?**

*Mah nishtanah halailah hazeh mikol ha-leilot?*

She-b’chol ha-leilot, anu ochlin chametz u-matzah ha-lailah hazeh kulo matzah.

She-b’chol ha-leilot, anu ochlin sh’ar yirakot ha-lailah hazeh maror.

She-b’chol ha-leilot, ein anu matbilin afilu pa’am echat ha-lailah hazeh sh’tei f’amim.

She-b’chol ha-leilot, anu ochlin bein yoshvin u’vein m’subin ha-lailah hazeh kulanu m’subin.

Why is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights we eat leaven and unleavened bread, on this night we eat only matzah.

On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables/herbs, on this night only bitter herbs.

On all other night we do not even dip once, on this night we dip twice.

On all other nights we eat both sitting and reclining, on this night we all recline.

**Dayeinu**

*Ilu hotzi-anu mimitzrayim, DAYEINU*

*Ilu natan lanu et haShabbat, DAYEINU*

*Ilu keravan lifnei har Sinai, DAYEINU*

*Ilu natan lanu et haTorah, DAYEINU*

*Ilu hichnisanu l’eretz Yisrael, DAYEINU*

If God had only brought us out of Egypt — DAYEINU (It would have been enough for us!)
If God had only given us Shabbat — DAYEINU (It would have been enough for us!)
If God had only brought us close at Mount Sinai — DAYEINU (It would have been enough for us!)
If God had only given us the Torah — DAYEINU (It would have been enough for us!)
If God had only brought us into the Land of Israel — DAYEINU (It would have been enough for us!)

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Adir Hu
Adir Hu, Adir Hu,

Refrain:
Yivneh veito b’karov,
bimheirah, bimeirah, b’yameinu b’karov.
El b’nai, El b’nai, b’nai veit-cha b’karov.

Bachur hu, Gadol hu, Dagul hu
Hadur hu, Vatik hu, Zakai hu. Refrain

Chasid hu, Tahor hu, Yachol hu
Kabir hu, Lamud hu, Melech hu. Refrain

Nora hu, Sagiv hu, Ee-zuz hu
Podeh hu, Tzadik hu, Kadosh hu. Refrain

Rachum hu, Shaddai hu, Takif hu. Refrain

Ki Lo Naeh
Ki lo na’eh, ki lo ya’eh
Adir bim-lucha, bachur ka-halachah, gedudav yomru lo

Refrain
Lecha u’lecha, lecha ki lecha, lecha af lecha
Lecha Adonai ha-mamlachah
Ki lo na’eh, ki lo ya’eh

Dagul bim-lu-cha, hadur Ka-halachah, vatikav yomru lo
Refrain
Zakai bim-lucha, chasin ka-halachah, tafsirav yomru lo
Refrain
Yachid bim-lucha, kabir ka-halachah, limudav yomru lo
Refrain
Moshebim-lucha, nora ka-halachah, sevivav yomru lo
Refrain
Einav bim-lucha, podeh ka-halachah, tzadikav yomru lo
Refrain
Kadosh bim-lucha, rachum ka-halachah, shinanav yomru lo
Refrain
Takif bim-lucha, Tomech ka-halachah, T’mimav yomru lo
Shelosha Devarim Ailu BaPesach
(By Jack Schechtman)

Shelosha Devarim Ailu BaPesach—Pesach, Matzah, Maror
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Pesach:  Seder Shel Pesach—Pesach, Matza, Maror
Matzah:  Yayin uMatzah—Pesach Matzah Maror
Maror:  Maror v’Charoset—Pesach Matzah Maror

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Eliyahu Hanavi
Eliyahu Hanavi, Eliyahu hatishbi
Eliyahu Eliyahu, Eliyahu hagiladi
Bimheira v’yameinu, yavo eileinu
Im mashiach ben David (2x)

Elijah the Prophet, come to us soon, heralding Messianic days.

Miriam Han’viah
Miriam han’viah oz v’zimra b’yada
Miriam tirkod itanu l’hagdil zimrat olam
Miriam tirkod itanu l’taken et ha-olam
Bim-hei-ra v’yameinu hi t’vi-ei-nu
El mei ha-y’shua. El mei ha-y’shua.

Miriam the Prophet, strength and song in her hand.
Miriam will dance with us to enlarge the world’s song.
Miriam will dance with us to repair the world.
Soon, and in our time, she will lead us to the waters of salvation.

Echad Mi Yodea
Echad mi yodea, Echad ani yodea;
Echad Eloheinu shebashamayim uva’aretz

Shnaim mi yodea, Shnaim ani yodea;
Schnei Luchot habrit. . .

Shloshah mi yodea; Shloshah ani yodea
Shloshah Avot. . .

Arba mi yodea; Arba ani yodea
Arba Imahot. . .
Chamishah mi yodea; Chamishah ani yodea
Chamishah chumshei Torah. . .

Shishah mi yodea; Shishah ani yodea
Shishah sidrei mishnah. . .

Shivah mi yodea; Shivah ani yodea
Shivah y’mei shabatah. . .

Shmonah mi yodea; Shmonah ani yodea
Shmonah y’mai milah. . .

Tishah mi yodea; Tishah ani yodea
Tishah yarchei lei-dah. . .

Asarah mi yodea; Asarah ani yodea
Asarah dibra-ya. . .

Echad asar mi yodea; Echad asar ani yodea
Echad Asar kochvaya. . .

Shneim asar mi yodea; Shneim asar ani yodea
Shneim asar shivtaya. . .

Shloshah asar mi yodea; Shloshah asar yodea
Shloshah asar midaya. . .

Who knows 1? I know 1.
One is Hashem, one is Hashem, one is Hashem!
In the Heaven and the Earth

Who knows 2? I know 2
Two are the tablets that Moses brought. . .

Who knows 3? I know 3
Three are the fathers . . .

Who knows 4? I know 4
Four are the mothers. . .

Who knows 5? I know 5
five are the books of the "clap" Torah. . .

Who knows 6? I know 6
Six are the books of the "clap" Mishnah. . .

Who knows 7? I know 7
Seven are the days of the week "clap, clap". . .
Who knows 8? I know 8
Eight are the days til the Brit Milah.

Who knows 9? I know 9
Nine are the months til the baby's born.

Who knows 10? I know 10
Ten are the Ten Commandments.

Who knows 11? I know 11
Eleven are the stars in Joseph's dream.

Who knows 12? I know 12
Twelve are the tribes of Israel.

Who knows 13? I know 13
Thirteen are the attributes of God.

**Chad Gadya**

*Dezabin aba bitrei zuzei, chad gadya, chad gadya*

*Ve’ata shunra v’achla legadya*

*Dezabin aba bitrei zuzei, chad gadya, chad gadya*

*Ve’ata kalba v’nashech leshunra, d’achla legadya*

*Dezabin aba bitrei zuzei, chad gadya, chad gadya*

*V’ata chutra, v’hika l’kalba, d’nashech leshunra, d’achla legadya*

*Dezabin aba bitrei zuzei, chad gadya, chad gadya*

*V’ata nura v’saref l’chutra d’hika l’kalba, d’nashech leshunra, d’achla legadya*

*Dezabin aba bitrei zuzei, chad gadya, chad gadya*

*V’ata maya v’kava l’nura, d’saref l’chutra d’hika l’kalba, d’nashech leshunra, d’achla legadya*

*Dezabin aba bitrei zuzei, chad gadya, chad gadya*

*V’ata tora, veshata l’maya, d’kava l’nura, d’saref l’chutra d’hika l’kalba, d’nashech leshunra, d’achla legadya*

*Dezabin aba bitrei zuzei, chad gadya, chad gadya*

*V’ata hashochet v’shachat l’tora, d’shata l’maya, d’kava l’nura, d’saref l’chutra d’hika l’kalba, d’nashech leshunra, d’achla legadya*

*Dezabin aba bitrei zuzei, chad gadya, chad gadya*
V'ata malach ha-mavet v'shachat l'shochet,
d'shachat l'tora, d'shata l'maya, d'kava l'nura,
d'saref l'chutra d'hika l'kalba, d'nashech leshunra,
d'achla legadya
Dezabin aba bitrei zuzei, chad gadya, chad gadya

V'ata HaKadosh baruch hu, v'shachat l'malach ha-mavet,
d'shachat l'shochet, d'shachat l'tora, d'shata l'maya,
d'kava l'nura, d'saref l'chutra d'hika l'kalba,
d'nashech leshunra, d'achla legadya
Dezabin aba bitrei zuzei, chad gadya, chad gadya

Chad gadya. Chad gadya. That father bought for two zuzim, Chad gadya. Chad gadya.
Then came a cat and ate the goat, that father bought for two zuzim, Chad gadya. Chad gadya.
Then came a dog and bit the cat, that ate the goat, that father bought for two zuzim, Chad gadya. Chad gadya.
Then came a stick and beat the dog, that bit the cat, that ate the goat, that father bought for two zuzim, Chad gadya. Chad gadya.
Then came fire and burnt the stick, that beat the dog, that bit the cat, that ate the goat, that father bought for two zuzim, Chad gadya. Chad gadya.
Then came water and quenched the fire, that burnt the stick, that beat the dog, that bit the cat, that ate the goat, that father bought for two zuzim, Chad gadya. Chad gadya.
Then came the ox and drank the water, that quenched the fire, that burnt the stick, that beat the dog, that bit the cat, that ate the goat, that father bought for two zuzim, Chad gadya. Chad gadya.
Then came the butcher and slaughtered the ox, that drank the water, that quenched the fire, that burnt the stick, that beat the dog, that bit the cat, that ate the goat, that father bought for two zuzim, Chad gadya. Chad gadya.
Then came the Angel of Death and killed the butcher, that slaughtered the ox, that drank the water, that quenched the fire, that burnt the stick, that beat the dog, that bit the cat, that ate the goat, that father bought for two zuzim, Chad gadya. Chad gadya.
Then came the Holy One, Blessed be God, and slew the the Angel of Death, that killed the butcher, that slaughtered the ox, that drank the water, that quenched the fire, that burnt the stick, that beat the dog, that bit the cat, that ate the goat, that father bought for two zuzim, Chad gadya. Chad gadya.

L'shanah Ha-ba'ah
L'shanah ha-ba'ah b'yerushalayim.
L'shanah ha-ba'ah b'yerushalayim b'shalom!

Next Year in Jerusalem—a Jerusalem at peace!
When Israel Was in Egypt Land
When Israel was in Egypt Land, Let My people go.
Oppressed so hard they could not stand; Let My people go.

Refrain
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land
Tell ol’ Pharaoh, let My people go.
Thus saith Adonai, bold Moses said, Let My people go
If not I’ll smite your first born dead, Let My people go. Refrain

As Israel stood by the water side, Let My people go.
By God’s command it did divide, Let My people go. Refrain

Woke Up This Morning
Woke up this morning with my mind set on Freedom (3x)
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, halleluyah

Ain’t no harm to keep your mind stayed on Freedom (3x)
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, halleluyah

Walkin’ and talkin’ with my mind stayed on Freedom (3x)
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, halleluyah

Singin’ and prayin’ with my mind stayed on Freedom (3x)
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, halleluyah

Walk and talk and talk and walk with my mind stayed on Freedom (3x)
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, halleluyah

Oh, Miriam Don’t You Weep

Chorus
Oh, Miriam, don’t you weep don’t you mourn
Oh, Miriam, don’t you weep don’t you mourn
Pharaoh’s army got drowned
Oh, Miriam don’t you weep.

If I could I surely would
Stand on the Rock where Moses stood
Pharaoh’s army got drowned
Oh, Miriam, don’t you weep.

Moses stood on the Red Sea Shore
Smote the water with a two by four
Pharaoh’s army got drowned
Oh, Miriam don’t you weep.

It was Moses first got the notion
We’re safer with the army on the bottom of the ocean
Pharaoh’s army got drowned
Oh, Miriam don’t you weep.
Circle Chant
(By Linda Hirschorn)
Circle Round for freedom, circle round for peace
For all of us imprisoned, circle for release
Circle for the planet, circle for the soul
For the children of our children: keep the Circle whole!

One Morning
One morning when Pharaoh awoke in his bed,
There were frogs in his bed and frogs on his head.
Frogs on his nose and frogs on his toes,
Frogs here. Frogs there.
Frogs were jumping everywhere!

Oh Listen
Oh listen! Oh listen! Oh listen King Pharaoh!
Oh listen! Oh listen! Oh listen King Pharaoh!
They want to go away. They work too hard all day.
King Pharaoh, King Pharaoh, what do you say?
“No, no, no—I will not let them go!” (2x)

Miriam's Song (by Debbie Friedman)
Chorus: And the women dancing with their timbrels
Followed Miriam as she sang her song.
Sina a song to the One whom we've exalted.
Miriam and the women danced and danced the whole night long.

And Miriam was a weaver of unique variety.
The tapestry she wove was one which sang our history.
With every thread and every strand she crafted her delight
A woman touched with spirit, she dances toward the light. Chorus

As Miriam stood upon the shores and gazed across the sea,
The wonder of this miracle she soon came to believe.
Whoever thought the sea would part with an outstretched hand,
And we would pass to freedom, and march to the promised land. Chorus

And Miriam the Prophet took her timbrel in her hand,
And all the women followed her just as she had planned.
And Miriam raised her voice with song,
She sang with praise and might,
We've just lived through a miracle, we're going to dance tonight! Chorus
**Ballad of the Four Children (to the tune of My Darling Clementine)**

Said the parents to their children: “At the Seder you will dine
You will eat your fill of matzah; you will drink four cups of wine.”

These fine parents had four children; and their children numbered four.
One was wise and one was wicked; one was simple to the core.

And the fourth was sweet and winsome; she was young and she was small.
While her siblings asked the questions, she could barely speak at all.

Said the wise child to the parents, “Could you please explain the laws
Of the customs of the seder? Could you please explain the cause?”

And the parents answered proudly: “Every one themselves must see
In every age and generation—as if they themselves were freed.”

Then did sneer the one so wicked, “What does all this mean to you?”
And the parents’ hearts were saddened—as their grief and anger grew.

“If yourself you don’t consider as a child of Yisrael,
Then for you this has no meaning; You could be a slave as well.”

Then the simple child said simply: “What is this?” And quietly
The good parents told their offspring- “We were freed from slavery.”

And the youngest child was silent For she could not ask at all
But her eyes grew wide with wonder—As the parents told her all.

Now dear children, heed the lesson—And remember ever more.
What the parents told their children—sons and daughters, numbering four.

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**Passover Parodies**

**There’s No Seder Like Our Seder**

*(Sung to the tune of “There’s no business like show business”)*

There’s no seder like our seder,
There’s no seder I know.
Everything about it is halachic
Nothing that the Torah won’t allow.
Listen how we read the whole Haggadah
It’s all in Hebrew ‘cause we know how.

There’s no seder like our seder,
We tell a tale that is swell;
Moses took the people out into the heat
They baked the Matzah while on their feet
Now isn’t that a story that just can’t be beat?
Let’s go on with the show
**Take us out of Egypt**  
*Sung to the tune of “Take me out to the ball game”*

Take us out of Egypt  
Free us from slavery  
Bake us some matzah in a haste  
Don’t worry ‘bout flavor—  
Give no thought to taste.  
Oh it’s rush, rush, rush to the Red Sea  
if we don’t cross it’s a shame  
For it’s Ten Plagues  
Down and you’re out  
At the Pesach history game.

**Just a Tad of Charoset**  
*Sung to the tune of “Just a Spoonful of Sugar”*

**Chorus:**  
Just a tad of Charoset helps the bitter herbs go down,  
The bitter herbs go down, the bitter herbs go down.  
Just a tad of Charoset helps the bitter herbs go down,  
In the most disguising way.

Oh, back in Egypt long ago.  
The Jews were slaves under Pharaoh.  
They sweat and toiled and labored through the day.  
So when we gather Pesach night,  
We do what we think right.  
Maror, we chew  
To feel what they went through. **Chorus**  
So after years of slavery  
They saw no chance to being free.  
Their suffering was the only life they knew.  
But baby Moses grew up tall,  
And said he’d save them all.  
He did and yet, we swear we won’t forget  
That. . . **(Chorus)**

While the Maror is being passed,  
We all refill our water glass,  
Preparing for the toast that turns us red.  
Although maror seems full of minuses,  
It sure does clear our sinuses.  
But what to do? It’s hard to be a Jew! **Chorus**
Elijah
(Sung to the tune of “Maria”)

Elijah!
I just saw the prophet Elijah
And suddenly that name
Will never sound the same to me.
Elijah!
He came to our Seder, Elijah!
He had his cup of wine,
But could not stay to dine
This year—Elijah!
For your message all Jews are waiting:
That the time’s come for peace and not hating—
Elijah—Next year we’ll be waiting—Elijah!

A Few of Our Passover Things
(Sung to the tune of “Our Favorite Things”)

Cleaning and cooking and so many dishes
Out with the chametz, no pasta, no knishes
Fish that’s gefilte, horseradish that stings
These are a few of our Passover things.

Motzi and Maror and trouble with Pharaohs
Famines and locusts and slaves with wheelbarrows
Matza balls floating and eggshells that cling
These are a few of our Passover things.

When the plagues strike
When the lice bite
When we’re feeling sad
We simply remember our Passover things
And then we don’t feel so bad.