

Light One Candle in the Dark (4:17)

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A song for Hanukkah, for spiritual rededication and identity reclamation, and for liberation of all peoples.

Huddled here the shadows dance against the wall,
The dark's embrace has come to call;
We gather tightly in the inner space
The prayer is whispered face to face...
into the nightfall.

We will not stand for mindless tyranny
To no stone throne would we bend a knee
We take the sword into oppression's heart
No callous threat can tear us apart
from our God.

Chorus:

Light one candle in the dark
for the miracles of old,
Light one candle in the dark
for the stories yet untold,
Light one candle in the dark
for the hope that will not die,
For freedom's never-ending spark,
Light one candle in the dark.

Today we stand blessed by being free,
Protected by your wings of liberty;
And yet there's places where the oil pours about;

Cannot hide while others' lights go out... and still be free.

(Chorus)

Ma-oz tzur yeh-shu-a-tee

L'cha na-eh li-sha-bey-ach.

Tee-kon beyt ti-fil-a-tee

Vi-sham to-dah ni-za-bey-ach.

Rock of Ages, let our song

Praise your saving power;

You amid the raging throng

Were our sheltering tower.

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