

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Musical Maggid: "Bob Marley's Them Belly Full"

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Source:

*As the Israelites suffered from being given more slave work than they could accomplish with the quota of bricks, and as they went hungry while their oppressors' bellies were full, God instructed Moses to go to Pharaoh and demand that the Israelites be allowed to go into the wilderness for a 3 day Dance Festival [the root meaning of "Chag" is "dance in a circle"] to Y-h-v-h (shortened by some to "Jah").*

**Them Belly Full (But We Hungry): Music by Bob Marley. Words by Rabbi Nadav Caine**

Them belly full but we hungry  
A hungry mob is an angry mob  
Slavery, the work it tough  
They give us bricks but it ain't enough

We're gonna dance to Jah music, dance  
We're gonna dance to Jah music, dance  
Forget your sorrows and dance  
Forget your troubles and dance  
Forget your sickness and dance  
Forget your weakness and dance, I say

Pharaoh wants our boys to die  
The Israelites they start to cry  
And now the weak must get strong, they say  
What a tribulation, saying  
My belly full but me hungry  
A hungry mob is an angry mob  
Slavery, the work it tough  
They give us bricks but it ain't enough  
We're gonna dance to Jah music, Lord  
Hey-hey, we're dancin to Jah music, we're dancin'  
Ooh, my belly full but me hungry  
A hungry mob is an angry mob  
Slavery, the work it tough  
They give us bricks but it ain't enough  
Slavery (work it tough)  
And all the bricks (it ain't enough)  
And then hungry man (angry mob)  
I say a hungry man (angry man)  
Lord, a hungry mob (angry man)  
And then hungry mob (angry mob)  
I say a hungry mob (angry man)  
(fade out whenever)