

Concluding Musical Maggid: U2's "One"

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Source:

The telling of our story is a failure if all it teaches is about the past and present, but not about the future. The goal of the seder is not just to know how we got free, but to embrace how we are to use that freedom, which is in service of God. God redeemed us for a purpose, a purpose which requires us to use our freedom. These lyrics underscore the service in Oneness we are to use our freedom for.

One (Music: U2, Words modified by Rabbi Nadav Caine)

Is it getting better, or do you feel the same
Is freedom too hard for you
Now you got no one to blame

We say: One God, One Tribe
We all had to leave, In the night
It's one love, We get to share it
It leaves you baby, If you don't care for it

Did God disappoint you?
Or leave a bad taste in your mouth?
You act like you never had God
And you want your children to go without?

It's not too late, Tonight, To drag our past out, Into the light
We're one tribe, But we're not the same
We get to carry each other, Carry each other, One

Have you known the taste of injustice,
Of meaning what we just said?
Do you crave your freedom,
And freedom for all the rest?
Did God ask too much, More than a lot
You got your freedom,, Is that all you got?
We're one tribe, But we're not the same
We serve Ha-Shem, Then we do it again!

God says: Build yourselves a temple!
Love the higher law
Build yourselves a temple, Love the higher law
He asks us to enter, But then we want to crawl
And we can't be holding on,
To what you got, If all you got is yours

One God, One blood, One tribe
You got to do what you should, One life, With each other, Sisters Brothers

One life, But we're not the same,
We get to carry each other
Carry each other... One.

