

Musical 4 Questions: Redemption Song

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Source:

To start the process of answering "Why is this night different?" we begin with a frame for the Seder: these are redemption songs that teach us our identity.

Redemption Song

(Music by Bob Marley; Words by Rabbi Nadav Caine)

Old Midianites, says the Rabbi,
Sold Joseph to Egypt
Minutes after they took him
From the bottomless pit
But his hand was made strong
By the (outstretched) hand of the Almighty
We recount in this generation, triumphantly
Won't you help to sing these songs of freedom?
'Cause all we ever have
are Redemption songs, Redemption songs

Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery
We Jews must free our minds
Have no fear of being Jewish
Don't say you have no time
How long shall we ignore our prophets
While they stand aside and look?
We'll build a new Jerusalem
We've got to fulfill the Book
Won't you help to sing
These songs of freedom?
'Cause all we ever have
Redemption songs (3x)

Our ancestors survived the Holocaust
Pogroms and oppression,
We have to stand up for justice
Teach the world our lesson.
How long shall we ignore our prophets
While they stand aside and look?
They tell us what God wants from us, We've got to fulfill the book

Won't you help me sing these songs of freedom?
'Cause all we ever had, Redemption songs
All we ever had, Redemption songs
These songs of freedom, Songs of freedom