

Songs of Joy and Praise

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Source:

When the Jewish people reached the far side of the red sea, Miriam and Jocheved broke out the tambourines. Literally. In the midst of fleeing from slavery, standing at the edge of a desert with only a vague promise that somewhere out there was a land their children might manage to live in safely, they took a break to sing and dance in celebration. We've spoken a lot during this seder about the oppression that still exists in the world, and our obligation to continue seeking freedom. Let's take a moment now to celebrate and be thankful for how far we've come. With the fourth glass of wine, we give thanks for the experience of celebrating Passover together,

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגָּפֶן:

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, borei p'ree hagafen.