

Rhyming Haggadah: Pesach, Matzah, Marror

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Source: A Family Pesach Seder in Rhyme

A wise Rabbi Gamliel, long ago taught
These symbols each Seder must have a clear thought
First Pesach reminds us that on the night we went free
God "passed over" our houses,
no death did we see
While all Egypt suffered,
while each home saw great strife
in the homes of our ancestors,
there were new signs of life
And the Matzah we eat to remember through taste
that from Egypt our ancestors departed in haste
they didn't have time to pause and surmise
they hadn't a moment to let their bread rise
And then there's the maror, the meal's bitter herb
a reminder of slavery, our senses disturb
The maror's a symbol intended to teach
that enslavement is evil wherever its reach
In each generation we are called and commanded
to do more than just read and then eat
our Seder is special, our gathering quite sacred
for our tradition we actually meet
At a time such as this, we really should feel
that it was we who went free on that night
For with that sensation
we are one, we're a nation
we're together for all that is right
Now let's take a deep breath

let's pause and let's think

and from the sweet cup of freedom

we'll then take a drink

We're thankful and lucky to be in this place

where the blessing of freedom

brings joy to the face

A free people are we

we're both happy and proud

we thank God for the goodness

with our prayer, clear and loud

For our Torah, it tells us

that our God strong and calm

heetz-chal-tee et-chem me-a-vo-da-tam

(Our Torah teaches that God promised our enslaved ancestors that: " I will
deliver you from the Egyptian bondage." Exodus 6:6)

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu, Me-lech Ha-o-lam

Bo-rei, pe-ree ha-ga-fen.

O Holy One of Blessing, Your Presence fills creation,

We praise you for creating the fruit of the vine.