
Torah Portion: D'varim - Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1-27

The Vacation

By Wendell Berry

Once there was a man who filmed his vacation.
He went flying down the river in his boat
with his video camera to his eye, making
a moving picture of the moving river
upon which his sleek boat moved swiftly
toward the end of his vacation. He showed
his vacation to his camera, which pictured it,
preserving it forever: the river, the trees,
the sky, the light, the bow of his rushing boat
behind which he stood with his camera
preserving his vacation even as he was having it
so that after he had had it he would still
have it. It would be there. With a flick
of a switch, there it would be. But he
would not be in it. He would never be in it.

Asher Yatzar

Music by Dan Nichols

I thank You for my life, body and soul
Help me realize I am beautiful and whole
(oh so beautiful, oh so holy)
I'm perfect the way I am and a little broken too
I will live each day as a gift I give to you
(my God, my God)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, רוֹפֵא כָּל בָּשָׂר וּמַפְלִיא לַעֲשׂוֹת.

Baruch Atah, Adonai, Rofei chol basar u'mafli la'asot.

Blessed are You, Adonai, who heals all flesh,
working wondrously.

Yotzeir Or/Light and Darkness

Music by Elana Arian, text from Morning Liturgy

Light and darkness, each and every one
Light and darkness, each and every one

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מְלֶכֶד הָעוֹלָם,
יוֹצֵר אוֹר וּבוֹרֵא חֹשֶׁךְ, עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם
וּבוֹרֵא אֶת-הַכֹּל.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
yotzeir or uvorei choshech, oseh shalom
uvorei et hakol.*

Praised are you Adonai, Creator of light and
darkness, renewing creation each day.
You light our way, every day, with love.

Nachamu/Comfort Us, Isaiah 40:1-3

Music and English text by Elana Arian

נַחֲמוּ נַחֲמוּ עַמִּי יֹאמַר אֱלֹהֵיכֶם

Nachamu, nachamu ami yomar Eloheichem (2x)

Comfort us, comfort us in our wilderness,
Comfort us as we struggle to take care of one another.
Comfort us, comfort us in our wilderness,
Comfort us as we struggle with this world.

D'var Torah

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