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Day by Day Musicand Lyrics by Iwilly

Chorus: Em Am every day,
Am Am Moment by moment,
Give thanks and praise.
Am Day by day, every day,
Am Em Day by day, every day,
Am Moment by moment,
Em Give thanks and praise.

v.1 I know your fires are burning

Em Am
In that distant land,

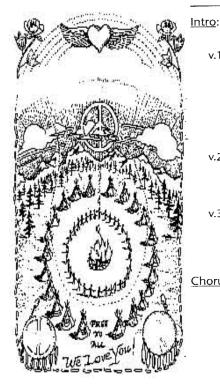
Em Bm
Your clouds are returning.

Em Uh-Huh, Ooh! Uh-Huh, Ooh!

(Use same chords)
We see your fires burning
In our night sky,
We keep our fire burning.
Uh-Huh, Ooh! Uh-Huh, Ooh!
(Chorus:)

* v.2 I know I fires are burning In that sacred lodge, Our prayers are returning. Uh-Huh, Ooh! Uh-Huh, Ooh! I know our spirits are soaring To the higher heights, Our tap roots are growing. Uh-Huh, Ooh! Uh-Huh, Ooh!

(Chorus:)



Uplift Yourself
Music and Lurics by Iword

ro: **G,C,D,C**

v.1 Uplift your brother,
C G C, D
Uplift your sister,
C G C, D
We've got to help each other
C G C, D
Regardless of ones color.

(Use same chords)
2 Since time beginning
Man has done man wrong,
Nation enslaving nation
How are we to get along?

We've got to be aware That we all are one people, Everyone has got the right To be an individual!

(Use same chords) Chorus: In love, (love!)

In love, (love!)
Peace, (peace!)
And unity...
With equal rights and justice
That brings liberty.
In love, (love!)
Peace, (peace!)
And unity...
'Cause that's what it takes
To build this community.

(Free it up! Free it up! Free it up!) x 4



DÉNÉ

Em You are my mother, you are my father, D You are my lover, you are my friend.
You're the beginning, you are the center,

D

Em

And you are beyond the end.

You are the colors of the rainbow, You are the pure white light in me. You are the rivers, you are the mountains, Lord, You are the sun, you are the sea.

Chorus: And I love you so... You help me see
To see you in all... Is to see you in me
D Em (I'm in you and you're in me.) x 2

The branches of a tree. They may be many, But the tree, you know my friends, is one. The petals of a lotus, have you noticed, are many, But the lotus is one.

Gurus and swamis, teachers are many, But the truth is one. Prophets religions, Lord, there's so many, But God is one.

(Chorus:)

Spoken: You are Kali, You are Compassion, The Divine Mother, Mother Nature.

And I want to touch you, I want to feel you, Lord, I want to be right by your side. I want to know you, to love you, I want to serve you all the time.

(Repeat 1st verse) (Chorus: Repeat and Fade)

We Shall Lift Each Other Up

Humble yourself, in the sight of your sister v.1

You got to bend down low,

Humble yourself, in the sight of your brother

Ask him what he knows and...

Chorus: We Shall Lift Each Other Up. Em Higher and higher, We Shall Lift Each Other Up. (Repeat twice)

> Humble yourself, in the sight of the children v.2 You got to bend down low, Humble yourself, in the sight of our children We need to know what they know and...

> > (Chorus:)

Humble yourself, in the sight of love v.3 You got to bend down low, Humble yourself, in the sight of JAH JAH And let your love-light show and...

(Chorus:)

Humble Yourself, Humble Ourselves

(Chorus:)

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Teach Us We Are One

Music and Lyrics by Shiner

There's so many different people down here, Teach us we are one. (Repeat twice)

Chorus:

Teach us, teach us, **Bb C D** Teach us we are one. (Repeat twice)

So many different religions down here Teach us we are one. (Repeat twice)

(Chorus:)

So many different nations Teach us we are one. (Repeat twice)

(Chorus:)

So many different families Teach us we are one. (Repeat twice)

(Chorus:)

We receive man and woman Teach us we are one. (Repeat twice)

(Chorus:)

We receive parent and child Teach us we are one. (Repeat twice)

(Chorus:)

The Bird Tribes

Music and Lyrics by Nicholas Two Feathers Iris

Chorus: Return, return,

Return, return
Em
Of the bird tribes

The circle of the faithful

The bird tribes

The loving ones of light

Hey a Hey a Hey a Hey... (vocable)

One ancient million time ago v.1The bird tribes walked the Earth They reveled in her beauty And gave wonder to her worth. To incarnate as humankind Had always been the plan-

> And without their loving guidance Em Am I'd be only half a man.

'Cause an ego is not meant to rule A human life alone Only half the picture showing If we don't know what they have known. The ancient ones of love and light Hold the magic key -For the redemption of our wounded And our tragic history.

(Chorus:)

Bless The People Music and Lyrics by Windsons

Dm Chorus: Bless the people - Bless the people

Bless the people - Bless the people

Bless the people whose hearts are open, Whose love flows freely like a mountain stream. Their gifts of kindness are like the crystal drops Of pure water filling the ocean up.

(Chorus:)

Bless the people whose love flows freely, Who feel compassion for all of humanity. The ocean of love is for everyone to share The whole world over - there's people who really

(Chorus:)

Bless the people whose hearts are open, v.3 Whose love flows freely like a mountain stream. Give your love and love will return to you Fill your stream and the ocean will replenish you.

(Chorus:) x 4

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Music and Lyrics by Rich Stillwell

Chorus: (So) Let the way of the heart, G Let the way of the heart, **F(maj7) G Am** Let the way of the heart shine through.

> Love upon love upon love, G All hearts are beating as one. Light upon light upon light, Shining as bright as the sun.



2

pen Me Up Traditional Melody

(All in key of D)

Open me up that I might receive Open me up that I might believe

Oh Great Spirit, I'm calling to you (I'm calling to you)

Oh Grand Mother, what else can I do? (what else can I do?)

Mother I Offer Music and Lyrics by Windsong

Mother I offer my prayers to you For the healing of the Nation (or Earth) (Repeat)

(Heal the Nations, heal the Earth) x 2

Love, Love, Love, Love

Cm Bb Cm Gm Love, love, love, love
Cm Bb Cm People we are made for love

Cm Bb Cm Gm

Love each other as ourselves Cm Bb Cm For we are one

Dance Gypsys Dance! Music and Lyrics by Don Diego

Chorus: Dance Gypsys Dance!

Sing Gypsys Sing!

Life is for loving, let freedom ring!

Sing Gypsys Sing!

Gm

Dance Gypsys Dance!

Life is for love and romance!

(Use chords from chorus)

"Kushte divas kay a-po tee Kas hassar en a kay moe lee Kay a-po tee, kay magni fee Kas hassar ave moe lee"

Baila baile! Canta cante! v.2 Es la vida del amor. Baila baile! Canta cante! Es la vida del amor.

When I look back on these past couple nights Everything seems to feel just right.

Everything that you ever wished for

v.1

Opens up when you visualize a door.

(Stop) Dm Chorus: Ànd there's a spirit, bringing people together, Dm C Dm Music is the key, music is the key.

Bb C Yes there's a spirit bringing people together, Music is the key, music is the key.

Keep on moving toward your perfection You are living the right direction. Keep on moving toward your perfection You are living the right direction. v.2

(Chorus:)

So open up your mind it's present time It's present time, open up your mind. Keep on living the good life your living Keep on giving the love you're giving. v.3

(Chorus:)

(Music is the Key) x 4

Find Yourselt in Harmony

Music and Lyrics by Michael Maxfield

Chorus: Find Yourself in Harmony Em Let go of all your fear(s), And you'll find the place to be Is right here.

(Use chords from chorus)

With the blue skies above v.1 What you got to worry about? Place trust in your love Blue skies above.

(Chorus:)

We all know that life doesn't change v.2 Goes about its own way, Don't try to figure it out Just see how you can play.

Open up your hearts and sing v.3 Open up your eyes and see, All the beauty in everything Is what you are --(A Shining Star) x 2

(Chorus:)

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Live Your Heart Song Music and Lyrics by Michael D.

Chorus: Live your heart song people People live your heart songs

> 'Cause if we live our heart songs people Then we people live our heart songs

'Cause we're one in the spirit Bb C
As we're many in the flesh,

And when in truth, flesh and spirit Realize the union, both are blessed.

Chorus Intro: (Use chords from verse)

So let me play, let me sing, Let me do just what I'm feeling. And I'll let you play, I'll let you sing,
I'll let you do just what you're feeling.

(Chorus:)

And the truth, the whole truth And nothing but the truth, Is all that stands. When all of the misunderstandings Have been resolved, And Illusions dissolve away.

(Intro/Chorus:)

As the Great Mystery of life Keeps revealing itself, History keeps unravelling. v.3 Though a few have surpressed the many, Now the season for release and healing.

(Intro/Chorus:)

One Planet Is Turning

Traditional Melody

(Drone in the key of Em)

Òne planet is turning, Circle on our path around the sun. Earth Mother is calling, her children home.

Light is returning, Even though this is the darkest hour. No one can hold, back the dawn.

Let's keep it burning, Let's keep the flame of hope alive. Make safe our journey, through the storm.

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We Are Circling Traditional Melodu

(Drone in the key of Em)

We are circling, circling together. We are singing, singing our heart song.

This is unity, this is family. This is celebration, this is sacred.

3

We Are Opening

Em

We are opening up in sweet surrender Em To the luminous love-light of the the one. (Repeat twice)

Dm Em . (We are opening, we are opening) x 2

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The River Is Flowing Traditional Melody (sung as a round)

The river is flowing, flowing and growing...

The river is flowing down to the sea.

Mother carry me, a child I will always be... Mother carry me down to the sea.

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ne Peace Song Music and Lyrics by David Hummingbild

Bm There are people of every color (Chords continue by line)
From all the races of the world, v.1 That feel peace in their hearts Their banners of peace they have unfurled. And now the peaceful ones are waiting For the rest of humankind, To drop their weapons and join the circle Around the world peace of mind.

<u>Chorus</u>: May peace be born in our hearts May love show us the way Along the rainbow together As one people let us pray

The star of peace is brightly shining For all of those that wish to see, With simple love and understanding We can live in harmony. And give thanks for all we're given The gift of life within the seeds, And rejoice in the beauty of creation One Earth, one life one family.

(Chorus:)

And now let us teach the children With love they will understand, That the world's greatest hero Is the one who'll never fight again. For centuries we have been waiting For the song of peace to be sung, By all the people of the Earth In the eye of the sun.

(Chorus:)

Music and Lyrics by Nigel

Chorus: Fly like the wind, run like the water,

Moving o'er the land for eternity. Em

Fly like the wind, run like the water, Flowing o'er the land for eternity.

(Use chords from chorus)

Once we are young and full of being, v.1 Once we are babies and full of seeing. Once we are strong and full of doing, Once we are old and full of knowing.

(Chorus:)

We are here and gone this candle flicker, Spinning on a wheel that is larger than life. It's hard to know the bigger picture, To understand it all and be free from strife.

(Chorus:)

Your gypsy soul it keeps you moving, Rolling all around like a tumble weed. You're fully grown but you're still learning, Learning what it means to be truly free.

We Are One In Harmonu

Music and Lyrics by Michael Stillwater

Chorus: We are one in (harmony), Singing in (celebration). We are one in harmony, G D Singing in love. (Repeat without parenthesis)

(Use chords from chorus)

v.2

Well you know, we've been waiting a long time Just to remember this song. But we waited so long and we're opening now To the song that we all come from. (Chorus:)

> We are one with the light that shines With everything that lives. And when love opens up your heart

You can truly give.

(Chorus: Repeat and fade)



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Mother I Feel You Music and Lyrics by Windsong

Em

Chorus: Mother I feel you under my feet,

Bm D

Mother I hear your heart-beat.

Em

Mother I feel you under my feet,

Bm D

Mother I feel your heart-beat.

Em

Heya heya heya, ya heya heya ho

Bm I

Heya heya heya heya, heya ho (Repeat)

(Use chords from chorus)

v.1 Mother I hear you in the riversong, Eternal waters flowing on and on. Mother I hear you in the riversong, Eternal waters flowing on and on.

> Heya heya heya, ya heya heya ho Heya heya heya heya, heya ho (Repeat)

v.2 Father I see you when the eagle flies, Light of the spirits gonna take us higher. Father I see you when the eagle flies, Light of the spirits gonna take us higher.

> Heya heya heya, ya heya heya ho Heya heya heya heya, heya ho (Repeat)

> > (Chorus:) x 3

Magíc People Music by Stephen Roush, Lyrics by Stephen & Julia

v.1 Rainbow dreamer with your head in the clouds
F7 E7 Am
Your feet barely touching the ground.

You got your plans all worked out in your mind

F7 E7 Am

But your life is leaving you behind.

v.2 You got so much potential but what you gonna do?
You know it's all up to you. (You got to...)
Work a little harder, you got to do a little more,
If you are gonna open that door.

Chorus

<u>Intro</u>: **(G, Am)** x 4

Dm Am

Chorus: We are a Magic People,

You can see it in our eyes

Am It's good to be alive.

We are a Magic People, You can see it in our eyes, It's time to actualize the dream.

It's time to actualize the dream. (Whoa, whoa - yeah! yeah!) x 2

- v.3 Magic happens when you open up to it No matter what you know you can do it. Step by step come on take your inspiration Focus pocus and a little motivation.
 - v.4 Live your dream, come on and live it Live your dream, come on and live it now. Live your dream, come on and live it Live your dream, come on and live it now.

(Intro & Chorus:)

Giving Thanks
Music and Lines by Stephen Roush

v.1 Giving thanks for this life

We're living together,

Am

Giving thanks for this life

C

We're given to share. (Repeat twice)

(Use same chords)

Chorus: (I just want to thank you!) x 4 (I just want to thank you for this life!) x 4

v.2 Giving thanks for this music Singing together, Giving thanks for these songs We're given to share. (Repeat twice) (Chorus:)



Love Is The Creator

Music and Lyrics by Jah Levi

Am G Em D

v.1 When I am alone, I consider the wonders of creation.

I realize how insignificant are the works of man. If we could only learn to love Even those who intensely hate I and I,

Then we would begin to overstand What it is that we are all here for.

Em

Chorus: (Love is the Creator) x 4

* v.2 When I'm alone, I consider all the works of man. I realize, cannot compare to the wonders of creation.

Love is the doorway to everlasting life, And JAH holds the key to our salvation, The truth and the light.

(Chorus:)



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