

Dedication of Merit

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May every living being,
Our minds as one and radiant with light,
Share the fruits of peace,
With hearts of goodness, luminous and bright.
If people hear and see,
How hands and hearts can find in giving, unity,
May our minds awake,
To Great Compassion, wisdom and to joy.
May kindness find reward,
May all who sorrow leave their grief and pain;
May this boundless light,
Dispel the darkness of our endless night.
Because our hearts are one,
This world of pain turns into Paradise.
May all become compassionate and wise,
May all become compassionate and wise.

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Everything is Broken

Bob Dylan

Broken lines, broken strings,
Broken threads, broken springs,
Broken idols, broken heads,
People sleeping in broken beds
Ain't no use jiving, Ain't no use joking
Everything is broken

Broken bottles, broken plates,
Broken switches, broken gates,
Broken dishes, broken parts,
Streets are filled with broken hearts
Broken words never meant to be spoken
Everything is broken

Seem like every time you stop and turn around
Something else just hit the ground

Broken cutters, broken saws,
Broken buckles, broken laws,
Broken bodies, broken bones,
Broken voices on broken phones
Take a deep breath, feel like you're chokin'
Everything is broken

Thank you to the universe,
thank you to the earth and sky,
I may not repay my parents' kindness,
but every day I try,
I may not repay my teacher's kindness,
but every day I try,
I may not repay the planet's kindness,
but every day I try,
I may not repay my parents' kindness,
but every day I try.

Wish to Repay

Rev. Heng Sure

People ask me,

“What did you get from your meditation?”

Are you enlightened,

have you ended your frustration?

The wise men and women who woke up,

all those I reviewed,

Say the highest state is a wish to repay,

a heart of gratitude.

Thank you to the universe,

thank you to the earth and sky

I may not repay my parents' kindness,

but every day I try.

How many years did I waste, waiting for my prize?

For my ship to finally come in?

For my payoff to arrive?

But joy comes not from getting

but from giving it all away,

Sages say, “Once you wake up

you feel a wish to repay.”

Every time you leave and go off someplace

Things fall to pieces in my face

Broken hands on broken ploughs,

Broken treaties, broken vows,

Broken pipes, broken tools,

People bending broken rules

Hound dog howling, bull frog croaking

Everything is broken

My Mind's Got a Mind of Its Own

Butch Hancock

My mind's got a mind of its own
It takes me out a-walkin'
when I'd rather stay at home
Takes me out to parties
when I'd rather be alone
My mind's got a mind of its own

I've been doing things I thought I'd never do
I've been getting into trouble
without ever meaning to
I'd as soon settle down
but I'm right back up again
I feel just like a leaf out in the wind

I seem to forget half the things I start
I try to build a house
and then I tear the place apart
I freeze myself on fire
and then I burn myself on ice
I can't count to one without thinking twice

A thousand arms, a thousand eyes,
A thousand ears to hear my cries,
She is the gate, she is the door,
She leads me through and back once more,
When day has dawned and death is nigh,
She carries me to the other side.

She carries me, she carries me,
She carries me to the other side. (2x)

She Carries Me

Jennifer Berezan

She is a boat, she is a light,
High on a hill, in the dark of night,
She is a wave, she is the deep,
She is the dark where the angels sleep,
When all is still and peace abides,
She carries me to the other side.

She carries me, she carries me,
She carries me to the other side. (2x)

And though I walk through valleys deep,
And shadows chase me in my sleep,
On rocky cliffs I stand alone,
I have no name, I have no home,
With broken wings I long to fly,
She carries me to the other side.

She carries me, she carries me,
She carries me to the other side. (2x)

I tell myself to do the things I should
And then I get to thinkin'
that them things ain't any good
I tell myself the truth
but know I'm lying like a snake
You can't walk on water
at the bottom of a lake

Our Hero

Greg Fain & Ben Gustin

There's a book called the Lotus Sutra
you really ought to know about
A holy book that has the power
to remove all fear & doubt
And this book tells the story of a man
who means the world to me
Who could just as well been a woman
except for male hegemony
They call him the bodhisattva never disparage
or the bodhisattva never despise
And I'm making it my life's ambition
to see the world through his pure eyes...
cause he says

Chorus:

I will never disparage you
or keep you at arm's length
where you only see your weaknesses
I only see your strength
I would never despise you
or put you down in any way
cause its clear to me, I can plainly see
you'll be a buddha someday... I love you

When your heart is lonely, Namo Guan Shi Yin.
If your mind is troubled, Namo Guan Shi Yin.
When your soul is weary, Namo Guan Shi Yin.
Call her name now, Namo Guan Shi Yin.

Call Her Name Out Loud

(Adapted from: "Jesus on the Mainline")

Guan Yin Bodhisattva call her name out loud.
Guan Yin Bodhisattva call her name out loud.
Guan Yin Bodhisattva call her name out loud.
When you need her, call her name out loud.

Guan Yin Bodhisattva she'll give you a hand.
Guan Yin Bodhisattva she'll give you a hand.
Guan Yin Bodhisattva she'll give you a hand.
Call her name and she'll give you a hand.

Guan Yin Bodhisattva she will hear your voice.
Guan Yin Bodhisattva she will hear your voice.
Guan Yin Bodhisattva she will hear your voice.
Call her name and she will hear your voice.

Guan Yin Bodhisattva rescues living beings.
Guan Yin Bodhisattva rescues living beings.
Guan Yin Bodhisattva rescues living beings.
She's got vows to rescue living beings.

When your soul is weary call on Guan Shi Yin.
When your soul is weary call on Guan Shi Yin.
When your soul is weary call on Guan Shi Yin.
Raise your voice and call on Guan Shi Yin.

Now bodhisattva never disparaging
lived countless *kalpas* in the past
In the time of the counterfeit dharma
and he was something of an outcast
Because the monks & nuns of his time were noted
for their arrogance & vanity
And these were the folks who exercised
great power & authority
But my boy never concerned himself
if they treated him like a freak
He'd just bow to everybody equally
and these are the words he'd speak

Chorus

He never read or recited the scriptures much.
He only liked to practice respect
But the monks & nuns of his time
didn't meet it like you might expect
Instead they cursed him & reviled him
& they wished that he would go
Cause they all had self-esteem issues
like most everyone else I know
They beat him & pelted him with clubs & stones
& they tried to drive him way
But he'd just run off to a safe distance,
then he'd turn around and say...

Chorus

And so it went on for years & years.
He was the target of scorn & abuse
Yet still our hero shed no tear
nor did he ever wonder what's the use
Until he came to the end of his natural life span
& he lay down fixin to die
And then he heard the holy lotus sutra
bein preached up in the sky!
And his life was expanded for millions of years
and he's living to this day
And in the pages of the Lotus Sutra
you still can hear him say..

Chorus

I love you
I love you
I love you

May all beings be trusting
May all beings be kind
May all beings share all of this earth
Out beyond what is yours, what is mine

**May it be so, May it be so
May it be so on earth (repeat)**

Lovingkindness For the World

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May all beings be happy
May all beings be well
May all beings be safe and free
In peace may all beings dwell

May all beings have shelter
May all beings breathe deep
May all beings have food every day
May they feel love surround them as they sleep

**May it be so, May it be so
May it be so on earth (repeat)**

May all beings know comfort
May all beings feel blessed
May all burdens be born with a heart
That has weathered the storms and the tests

May it be so, May it be so

Shantideva's Prayer

Adapted by Hozan Alan Senauke

Now and forever may I become
A protector for those without protection
A guide for all who have no direction
A ship for those on the great sea of loss
A bridge for beings with rivers to cross
A sanctuary for those in danger and flight
A lamp for those who are seeking the light
A refuge for those who find no safe place
And a servant to all in sure need of grace

As long as space forever unfurls
Wherever beings reside in this world
Til then may I abide and persist
Wherever sorrows of the world exist

You may say I'm a dreamer,
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us,
And the world will live as one



Imagine

John Lennon

Imagine there's no heaven,
It's easy if you try
No hell below us,
Above us, only sky
Imagine all the people,
Livin' for today

Imagine there's no countries,
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for,
And no religion, too
Imagine all the people,
Livin' life in peace

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions,
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger,
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people,
Sharing all the world

May We

Eve Decker

*Words adapted from
Buddhist Lovingkindness phrases*

May I be safe and protected
from inner and outer harm
May I be truly happy and deeply peaceful
May I be healthy and strong, and physically at ease
May I take care of myself, and live with well-being

May you be safe and protected
from inner and outer harm
May you be truly happy and deeply peaceful
May you be healthy and strong,
and physically at ease
May you take care of yourself,
and live with well-being

May we be safe and protected
from inner and outer harm
May we be truly happy and deeply peaceful
May we be healthy and strong, and physically at ease
May we take care of ourselves,
and live with well-being

Simple Truth

Eve Decker

The way I see it there are two choices
I can wait for all these voices
To tell me I have made it
Or I can love myself the way I am
The way I see it there are two choices
Try to do it their way
Or find my own rejoicing music
And play

I've been given a responsibility
To love myself like I would love a child
Chaotic wild and turning
Building bridges, bridges burning
Just as I am, to love me

Maybe self-hatred protects me
Until the day no one rejects me
If I reject myself first,
 your coldness might not hurt - as much
Maybe if I work harder
Try more, do more, faster, longer
The day will come when I feel loved by everyone

I've been given a responsibility
To love myself like I love trees

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends
I get high with a little help from my friends
Oh, I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends

Do you need anybody? I just need someone to love
Could it be anybody? I want somebody to love

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends
Gonna try with a little help from my friends
Oh, I get high with a little help from my friends
Yes, I get by with a little help from my friends
With a little help from my friends

With a Little Help from My Friends

John Lennon and Paul McCartney

What would you think if I sang out of tune?
Would you stand up and walk out on me?
Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song
And I'll try not to sing out of key

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends
I get high with a little help from my friends
I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends

What do I do when my love is away?
Does it worry you to be alone?
How do I feel by the end of the day?
Are you sad because you're on your own?

No, I get by with a little help from my friends
I get high with a little help from my friends
I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends

Do you need anybody? I need somebody to love
Could it be anybody? I want somebody to love

Would you believe in a love at first sight?
Yes, I'm certain that it happens all the time
What do you see when you turn out the light?
I can't tell you, but I know it's mine

Okay when branches crack and fall
No striving no have-to's at all
The sparkling green that breathes me
Just as I am - loves me

No I do not have it all together
I never have and I never will
And I know that you don't have it all together either
'cause nothing here was made that way
We're all falling, we're all flying, we're all playing,
we're all dying

We've been given a responsibility
To love ourselves like we love freedom
Using courage just to see
The simple truth -
Of you and me
Love looks like humble gratitude, like endless
forgiveness
Just as we are, just as we are,
just as we are, just as we are.

The way I see it there are two choices
We can wait for all these voices
To tell us we have made it
Or we can love ourselves as we are.

Equanimity

Eve Decker, Lisa Zeiler, Lisa Kully

It's like this, it can be no other way
Everything that came before,
 has led us to this moment
It's like this, so open and let go
Bring awareness and acceptance,
 to this moment as it's passing

Here I am. Life arising as it will
How can I bend gracefully
 with the winds surrounding me
Here I am - life brings both sorrow and joy
Letting go the fight, the blame, deep calm infuses me

Stand in the heart of the moment
Inner stability
Return to a place of stillness
Equanimity

Just this much. Seeing clearly in to now
No need for all the stories,
 just naming what is present
Just this much, without reactivity
I don't have to push, to clutch - I can simply let it be

Once you tell somebody the way that you feel
You can feel it beginning to ease
I think it's true what they say
 about the squeaky wheel
Always getting the grease

Better to shower the people you love with love
Show them the way that you feel
Things are gonna be just fine if you only will
Shower the people you love with love
Show them the way that you feel
Things are gonna be much better if you only will

Shower the people you love with love
Show them the way that you feel...

Shower The People

James Taylor

You can play the game and you can act out the part
Though you know it wasn't written for you
Tell me how can you stand there
 with your broken heart
Ashamed of playin' the fool

One thing can lead to another
It doesn't take any sacrifice
O, father and mother, sister and brother
If it feels nice, don't think twice

Just shower the people you love with love
Show them the way you feel
Things are gonna work out fine if you only will
Shower the people you love with love
Show them the way you feel
Things are gonna be much better if you only will

You can run, but you cannot hide,
 this is widely known
Now whatya plan to do with your foolish pride
When you're all by yourself alone?

Stand in the heart of the moment
Inner stability
Return to a place of stillness
Equanimity

Stay awake to indifference, to "don't care"
I can feel my heart respond
 without getting swept away
Stay awake. The promises are great
Radiance, exalted mind, are the praises Buddha sang
Are the praises that the Buddha sang

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All around the world I'm going to let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Everywhere I go I'm going to let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

