

לְכָה דוֹדִי L'cha Dodi

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1. לְכָה דוֹדִי לְקִרְאֵת כָּלָה, פָּנֵי שַׁבָּת נִקְבְּלָה.

2. שְׁמֹר וְזָכוֹר בְּדַבּוֹר אֶחָד,

3. הַשְׁמִיעֵנוּ אֵל הַמִּיחָד,

4. יְיָ אֶחָד וְשִׁמּוֹ אֶחָד,

5. לְנֶשֶׁם וּלְתַפְאֶרֶת וּלְתִהְלָה.

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6. לְקִרְאֵת שַׁבָּת לָכּוּ וְנִלְכָה,

7. כִּי הִיא מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה,

8. מֵרֹאשׁ מִקֶּדֶם גְּסוּכָה,

9. סוּף מַעֲשֵׂה בְּמַחְשָׁבָה תַּחֲלָה.

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10. הַתְּעוֹרָרִי הַתְּעוֹרָרִי,

11. כִּי בָּא אוֹרֶךְ קוֹמִי אוֹרִי,

12. עוֹרִי עוֹרִי לְשִׁיר דְּבָרִי,

13. כָּבוֹד יִי עָלֶיךָ נִגְלָה.

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14. בּוֹאִי בְּשָׁלוֹם עֲטָרַת בַּעֲלָה,

15. גַּם בְּשִׁמְחָה וּבְצִהָה,

16. תּוֹךְ אֲמוּנִי עִם סִגְלָה,

17. בּוֹאִי כָּלָה, בּוֹאִי כָּלָה.

BIG Idea – Welcome Shabbat the Bride!

Shabbat is an important day of the week for Jews.

God created the world in six days, but on the seventh day – Shabbat – God rested. Like God, we also rest on Shabbat.

The name *Shabbat* comes from the root ש.ב.ת which means 'to rest'.

Shabbat is the 7th day of the week – Saturday. Like all other Jewish days it begins the evening before, so we welcome Shabbat on Friday evening at sundown. To welcome Shabbat we can have a special meal with family or friends, sing songs and go to services at temple.

Shabbat is described as being like a queen or a bride. This prayer says: "*L'cha Dodi Likrat Kalah*" meaning: "Come, my Beloved to meet the Shabbat Bride." We sing this song just as Shabbat is about to begin on Friday evening.



Did you know?

The days of the week in Hebrew literally mean: first day, second day etc:

Sunday	יום ראשון	1 st day
Monday	יום שני	2 nd day
Tuesday	יום שלישי	3 rd day
Wednesday	יום רביעי	4 th day
Thursday	יום חמישי	5 th day
Friday	יום שישי	6 th day
Saturday	שַׁבָּת	Shabbat

Key words:

אֶחָד - one

הַבְּרָכָה - the blessing

מֶלֶךְ - king/ruler

בְּשִׂמְחָה - with joy

כֶּלֶה - bride

אֵל - God

בְּשָׁלוֹם - with/in peace

Did you know?

לְכָה דוֹדִי "*L'cha Dodi*" was written by Rabbi Shlomo HaLevi Alkabetz.

He lived in the 1500's, which was about 500 years ago. He wrote the song especially in honor of Shabbat.

This is a picture of Rabbi Shlomo HaLevi Alkabetz's grave in Tzefat, Israel:

