

Solstice in the Forest – Song Lyrics

Program of Caroling & Dance – December 21st, 2022 at 5pm – John Hinkel Park, Berkeley

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Led by Melanie DeMore and Shay Black with the Solstice Ensemble, Shira Kammen and Jim Oakden.

To Stand for All Creation – Sing along with Shay Black

All Rise

I, Shay

O come, all ye faithful, fearful yet courageous!
O come, we as one brave-hearted our fate must face!
Come we together, resolute through peril,
to stand for all Creation (3x)
Earth's hope to hold!

II, All

Grow, trees and bushes, flowers, grasses, rushes!
Grow from rich soil to keep Earth breathing anew!
Your fruits do feed us, your deep roots so need us
to stand for all Creation (3x)
Earth's hope to hold!

III, All

Blow, breath of Heaven, wind of transformation!
Blow 'way all currents stifling Life's precious air!

Breathe through our body, Breath of Life and Spirit
to stand for all Creation (3x)
Earth's hope to hold!

IV, All

Flow, precious water, balm of Terra Mater!
Flow o'er the earth, rejoin the great sea of Life!
Rivers feed oceans, birds and fish us motion
to stand for all Creation (3x)
Earth's hope to hold!

V, All

Whale, bear and raptor, all Man's kin in Nature!
Humbly concede we now our shared earthly home!
One, all, and Nation, vowing reparation
to stand for all Creation (3x)
Earth's hope to hold!

O Sempervirens, Evergreen! – Sing along with Shay Black

All Rise

I, Shay

O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
how green with life your branches! (2X)
As green you are through Summer's close,
so you remain through Winter's snows!
O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
how green with Life your branches!

II, All

O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
my heart is glad to know you! (2X)
At Yuletide now, o Redwood tree,
the highest joy, you hold for me!
O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
my heart is glad to know you!

III, All

O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
your raiment shows me wisdom, (2X)
that Steadfastness brings Hope in kind,

and Strength and Solace for all time!
O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
your raiment shows me wisdom!
O Sempervirens Evergreen

IV, All

O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
your ancient boughs breathe for us! (2X)
Your breath of life through ages long,
has bless'd all creatures in Life's song!
O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
Your ancient boughs breathe for us!

V, All

O Sempervirens, Evergreen,
our fates must grow together! (2X)
Mankind must rise, tall strong and keen,
Earth's Sempervirens to redeem!
Before we were, you've ever been,
Earth's past and life before us!

Still is the Night – Sing along with Melanie DeMore

I, Melanie

Still is the night, stars Heaven light!
Earth slumbers deep, quiet Peace keeps
watch o'er one tender mother and babe,
rocking it gently to sleep sound and safe,
Sleep in Heavenly peace,
sleep in Heavenly peace!

II, All

Still is the night, stars Heaven light!
Morning will come, with Faith, our day won.
Love, move our hearts with the new risen sun,
to care for all children on Earth as our own.
God's gift of life we hold dear!
God's gift of life we hold dear!

III, All

Still is the night, stars Heaven light!
Long grows the day; falt'ring we stray.
Earth our sins of the past shall hard pay.

Rise up, cast greed and sloth from our way!
Sacrifice comfort and ease!
Sacrifice comfort and ease!

IV, All

Still is the night, stars Heaven light!
Setting sun, Day's work done;
yet our courage and purpose stay long.
Care for Creation here now and to come!
Courage our Savior, reborn!
Courage our Savior, reborn!

V, All

Still is the night, stars Heaven light!
God of All, God of Life,
guide us justly to love you aright,
wield with wisdom pow'r placed in our might as
Stewards of Creation on Earth,
Stewards of Creation on Earth!

Rise for the Earth! – Sing along with Shay Black

All Rise

I, Shay

Rise for the Earth, the time has come!
Our hearts shall Courage bring!
Let every heart prepare to do its part
that Earth with hope may sing,
that Earth with hope may sing,
that in hope God's Creation here on Earth may sing!

II, All

See for the Earth, the time has come!
Our minds bear vision sure!
Let every mind our sins work to unwind
that Earth's life may endure,
that Earth's life may endure,
that God's Creation, Earth's life may endure!

III, All

Work for the Earth, the time has come!
Our backs we brace for work!
Let all of our might, 'gainst greed and sloth firm fight

to redeem our precious Earth,
to redeem our precious Earth
to redeem all Creation on this precious Earth!

IV, All

Hold onto Earth, the time has come!
Our hands are set to grasp!
Let every hand, take hands across all lands
our kinship to hold fast,
our kinship to hold fast,
our kinship with all of Earth's life to hold fast!

V, All

Rise for the Earth, the time has come!
Our Faith moves our rebirth!
God's Fiat is writ large,
Earth's stewardship Mankind's charge!
Bring Fellowship for the Earth,
bring Fellowship for the Earth,
bring Fellowship forth to save our precious Earth!

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Featuring [Melanie DeMore](#) and [Shay Black](#), instrumentalists [Shira Kammen](#) & [Jim Oakden](#) playing throughout, and California Revels' *Solstice Ensemble*. Also featuring [Berkeley Folk Dancers](#), *The Golden Ring Morris & Sword Dancers*, and *The M&M Family Players*.

I. Gather

4:30-5:00 pm. - Instrumental music by *Shira Kammen* and *Jim Oakden*

5:00 pm - *Melanie DeMore* teaches you “Dona Nobis Pacem” by W.A. Mozart, a round for Peace.

Lyrics: *Dona nobis pacem*

II. Invocation until Deep Dusk

Earth & Land Acknowledgment, *Rolando Morales*

Come by Here”, traditional, *Melanie DeMore*

III. The Darkening

“Hand in Hand Find Our Way”, by Jennifer Goheen, *Theresa Nelson* and *Solstice Ensemble*

Abbots Bromley Horn (Deer) Dance, *The Golden Ring Morris & Sword Dancers*.

IV. Together for Earth, Hope, and Warmth

1. “Travellers' Prayer”, by John Renbourn, *Solstice Ensemble*

2. Sing along! “The Apple”, CFE, *Susan Moreno*, *Solstice Ensemble*, and You on the Refrain!

Your refrain: *Fructus pomum defero, reddens laudes Domino!*

3. Sing along with *Shay Black!* “To Stand for All Creation”, CFE (See Lyric Sheet)

4. Dance along on the “Sun & Moon Solstice Dance” (You will be guided), *Berkeley Folk Dancers*

5. Mummers Play & Sword Dance – *M&M Family Players* & *The Golden Ring Morris & Sword Dancers*.

6. Halsway Carol, by Iain Frisk & Nigel Eaton, *Solstice Ensemble*

7. Sing along! “Yuletide Bless Us”, CFE, *David Hildebrandt* and You on the Refrain!

Your refrain: *Dark night turn to morning, night to day transforming, Yuletide bless us with Light and Joy!*

8. Sing along with *Shay Black!* “O Sempervirens, Evergreen”, CFE (See Lyric Sheet)

9. Sing along! “God Save You, Merry Gentlefolk”, CFE, *Shay Black* and You on the Refrain!

Your refrain: *Oh tidings of Comfort and Hope, Comfort and Hope, o tidings of Comfort and Hope!*

10. Sing along with *Melanie DeMore* “Still is the Night”, CFE (See Lyric Sheet)

11. “Do You Know How Many Stars Light?”, by Wilhelm Hey, *Solstice Ensemble*

V. Rise with the Light!

1. Sing along with *Shay Black* “Rise for the Earth!”, CFE (See Lyric Sheet)

2. Sing along! “Dona Nobis Pacem”, by W.A. Mozart, *Melanie DeMore* and You!

3. Blessing and Send-off, *Melanie DeMore*.

Repeat after Melanie: WELCOME YULE!

Join us in the theater for spontaneous dancing to “Halsway Carol”, *Solstice Ensemble!*

Solstice in the Forest - Performers

Featured Performers

Melanie DeMore
Shay Black

Special Guests

Berkeley Folk Dancers
Morris dancers from Berkeley Morris,
Hankies Gone Awry, Deer Creek, and more.

Featured Revels Singers & Players

Theresa Nelson, Susan Moreno, David
Hildebrandt, Patti Cobb, Nick Jones, Sue
Jones, M&M Family Players: Rolando
Morales, Susannah Mackintosh, Calliope &
Serafina

Solstice Ensemble

Shira Kammen*
Andrea Brewer-Thompson
Anne Miller
Arlene Baxter
Chas Schley
Craig Blackstone
David Hildebrandt*
David Mostardi
David Watt*
Erik Schutter
Hildreth Schley
Jennifer Randolph
Jim Gasperini
Kate Sterns
Lesley Turner
Lynn Haug
Nancy Lemon
Nancy Weston
Nick Jones*
Patti Cobb*
Sue Jones*
Susan Moreno*
Theresa Nelson*
**Choral leaders and soloists*

Golden Ring Morris & Sword Dancers

Anne Miller*
Annie Hallatt
Bill Batty
Brian Smith
Calliope Morales
Chas Schley
Dan Pellegrini*
Dusky Skies
Erik Schutter
Heather MacKay
Jay Stirm
Jim Gasperini
Jocelyn Reynolds*
John Stayton
Linton Hale
Nancy Weston
** Leaders & choreographers*

Mummers Play / M&M Family Players

Rolando Morales*
Susannah Mackintosh
Calliope
Serafina
** Director*

Lantern Bearers

Faye Stevenson*
Bethanie Del Lima
Genji Lim
James Goff
Liam Stevenson
... and other Revels Elves & Fairies who
have come in to bring the Light!
**Leader*

Berkeley Folk Dancers "Solstice Dancers"

Marian Snyder *
Hellen Brown
Mindy Coots-Miyazaki
Carol Hayden
Renee Marchese
Jeff Marchese
Gillian Belcher
Lillian Wang
** Director*

Musicians

Shira Kammen - Music Director
Jim Oakden

Directors & Leaders

Producer/Concept Director - Sofia Pellegrini
Music Director - Shira Kammen
Stage Director - Jeri Reed
Stage Manager - Kimberly St. Clair
Dance Choreography - Anne Miller, Dan
Pellegrini, Jocelyn Reynolds, Marian Snyder
Mummers Play Director - Rolando Morales
Lantern Bearer Leader - Faye Stevenson

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