

MAY WE GAIN WISDOM in our lives,
 overflowing like a river with understanding.
 Loved, each of us, for the peace we bring to others.
 May our deeds exceed our speech,
 and may we never lift up our hand
 but to conquer fear and doubt and despair.

Rise up like the sun, O God, over all humanity.
 Cause light to go forth over all the lands between the seas.
 And light up the universe with the joy
 of wholeness, of freedom, and of peace.

V'ne-emar, v'hayah Adonai
 l'Melech al kol haaretz.
 Bayom hahu yih'yeh Adonai echad
 ush'mo echad. //

וְנֵאמָר, וְהָיָה יי
 לְמֶלֶךְ עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ.
 בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִהְיֶה יי אֶחָד
 וּשְׁמוֹ אֶחָד. //

Thus it has been said, Adonai will be Sovereign over all the earth.
 On that day, Adonai will be one, and God's Name will be one.

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תִּקּוּן עוֹלָם *Tikkun olam* (literally, “repairing the world”) originally (second-third century) referred to rabbinic legislation to remedy specific social ills or legal injustices. In the *Aleinu*, composed about the same time, it represents acts by God to replace this imperfect world with the legal and moral perfection of divine rule. Sixteenth-century kabbalistic thought applied the term to human action, shifting the responsibility for perfecting the world onto us.

The oneness of God is declared in the *שמע* *Sh'ma*. Yet that oneness is not apparent in the world. Human action can bring oneness and peace to all. *Elyse D. Frishman*

The Jewish idea of redemption compels us to imagine a perfect world, a world that has reached its full potential. Poetry asks the same of its language; poetry at its best imagines a perfect language, which can impart all the nuances, meanings, and music that it never quite achieves in our everyday speech. When understood well, poetry and redemption can help us remake our world: a brilliant line of poetry can place a new link in the chain of our thought and language; and the idea of redemption helps us to look beyond our lives towards a world of possibility. *Adam Sol*

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