**SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD.**  BY Katherine Dines.

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On our tiny planet,

There are special days…

Holiday traditions, people celebrate…

The birth of Baby Jesus

The Miracle of Light

Divali, Kwanzaa, Ramadan

Or the longest night

SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD

As it’s spinning around

There is laughter and music--

What a beautiful sound!

SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD

There is bright harmony

Bringing hope to all people

Joy, comfort and peace.

Holidays have stories,

Songs and histories

Woven in a blanket of lasting memories.

So light another candle

With family and friends

And share in celebration

Together once again

**A LONG TIME AGO –** By Katherine Dines.

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A long time ago - A long long time ago,

There was no heat but the heat from the sun, a long time ago.

People shivered in the night,

And couldn’t wait for morning light,

A long long long time ago.

A long time ago - A long long time ago,

There was no light but the light in the sky, a long time ago.

People didn't have a clue,

What was where and who was who,

A long long long time ago.

Way back then before our time,

And our great great great greats-- far behind…

People depended on sun and stars,

To guide them through the cold and dark,

A long long long time ago.

A long time ago - A long long time ago,

There was no food but the food in the ground, a long time ago.

People planted seeds and roots

With the seasons, sun and moon,

A long long long time ago!

Way back then before our time

And our great great great greats-- far behind…

Lives depended on sun and stars

To guide them through the cold and dark,

A long long long time ago.

A long long long time ago!

**THANKS TO THE SUN** – By Katherine Dines.

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Thanks to the Earth

Mother of life,

Wake up from winter’s embrace.

Thanks to the Earth

Mother of life,

Let sunlight warm every face!

Thanks to the Sun. Thanks to its rising!

Thanks to the brightness of the day.

Thanks to the Sun.

Thanks to its rising.

Thanks to the light that shines our way!

Thanks to the Earth

Mother of life,

Awake from winter’s embrace.

Thanks to the Earth

Mother of life,

Let sunlight warm every face!

Thanks to the Sun. Thanks to its rising!

Thanks to the brightness of the day.

Thanks to the Sun.

Thanks to its rising.

Thanks to the light that shines our way!

**NIAN!** – By Katherine Dines. ©2018 Kiddie Korral Music, ASCAP

**NIAN!** Was a monster so strong,

Who came from the sea to eat everyone!

With long sharp teeth; and a horn on its head,

It’s powerful tail, filled everyone with dread.

**NIAN!** Terrified of bright lights,

Despised red color and noises at night

So villagers hung red lanterns all around

And exploded fireworks with a deafening sound!

**NIAN!** Ran away to escape,

And that’s what the Chinese celebrate.

They drove away NIAN back into the night

‘Til it disappeared forever--out of sight.

Chinese New Year-- is red, and loud and bright!

**NIAN!**

**LIGHT RISES OVER DARKNESS (DIWALI) –** By Katherine Dines.

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Diwali! Diwali! Festival of Lights

Ten thousand Diyas illuminate the night

May peace and hope come to you.

And lift the hearts of your loved ones too!

Diwali! Diwali! Festival of Lights

Ten thousand Diyas illuminate the night

May joy surround your family

And bring you all prosperity

Light rises over darkness!

Light rises over darkness!

Diwali! Diwali! Festival of Lights

Ten thousand Diyas illuminate the night

May truth continue to guide your way

Whatever path you choose to take.

Diwali! Diwali! Festival of Lights

Ten thousand Diyas illuminate the night

May harmony unite all your friends

In happiness that never ends.

Light rises over darkness!

Light rises over darkness!

Om. Shanti. Om. Shanti. Om.!

**STARS -** By Katherine Dines. ©2016 Kiddie Korral Music, ASCAP

Lift your eyes up to the skies--

As far as you can see,

A galaxy of tiny lights

Surrounding you and me.

From the darkness and the night,

They shine on everyone,

Shoot across the Milky Way,

Or hide behind the sun.

​STARS are winking on,​ between all space and time.

​STARS are hopes and dreams

That twinkle in our eyes.

When the morning sun wakes up,

They seem to disappear.

But they are blinking constantly,

Ten thousand years from here.

And every star's a miracle--

Just like you and me...

Sending light throughout our lives

Across eternity.

STARS are winking on,​ between all space and time.

​STARS are hopes and dreams

That twinkle in our eyes.

STARS are hopes and dreams

That twinkle in our eyes.

**EIGHT LITTLE CANDLES IN A WINDOW –** By Katherine Dines.

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One little candle in a window

Light it up so the world will know, the Maccabees

Two little candles in a window

Light them up so the world will know. The Maccabees

Their suffering

Three little candles in a window

Light them up so the world will know, The Maccabees, Their suffering and the sacrifice They made…

Four little candles in a window

Light them up so the world will know The Maccabees, Their suffering and the sacrifice They made…for freedom!

Five little candles in a window

Light them up so the world will know, Righteousness

Six little candles in a window

Light them up so the world will know Righteousness, Harmony

Seven little candles in a window

Light them up so the world will know, Righteousness, Harmony,

the reason to believe…

Eight little candles in a window

Light them up so the world will know, Righteousness, Harmony,

the reason to believe…in Miracles!

Keep the candles burning

Even through the darkest night

Fill the world outside with hope

And everlasting light….

Eight little candles in a window. Light them up so the world will know… The Maccabees, suffering, sacrifice, freedom, righteousness, harmony, the reason to believe in miracles!

Eight little candles in a window

Light them up so the world will know Hannukah! Eight little candles in a window, burning!

**THE FRIENDLY BEASTS –** Adapted fromtraditional by Katherine Dines. ©2016 Kiddie Korral Music, ASCAP

Jesus our brother kind and good,

Was humbly born in a stable rude.

The friendly beasts around him stood.

Jesus our brother kind and good.

“I,” Said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

“I carried His mother uphill and down.

I carried her safely to Bethlehem town.”

“I,” Said the donkey all shaggy and brown.

“I,” Said the cow, all white and red.

“I gave Him my manger, for a bed.

I gave Him my hay to pillow His head.”

“I,” Said the cow, all white and red.

“I,” Said the sheep with the curly horn

I gave Him my wool for a blanket warm.

He wore my coat on Christmas morn.”

“I,” Said the sheep with the curly horn.

“I,” Said the dove from the rafters high.

I cooed him to sleep so he would not cry.

We cooed him to sleep my mate and I.”

“I,” Said the dove from the rafters high

Those friendly beasts by some good spell

In the darkened stable were glad to tell

Of the gifts they gave Emanuel

Of the gifts they shared with Emanuel

**FOREVER EVERGREEN –** By Katherine Dines.

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Evergreen, in the woods,

Among three hundred trees,

Rising from the frozen earth,

For all the world to see.

Standing tall in the wind,

Your branches dance and sway,

And brush against the snowy ground,

On this winter day.

Evergreen evergreen--

Your roots grow strong and deep!

Like hope, I hope your color stays--Forever, evergreen.

Snowflakes fall, silently,

And land without a sound;

Catch the light like diamonds,

Along your graceful boughs.

Evergreen evergreen--

Your roots grow strong and deep!

Like hope, I hope your color stays--Forever, evergreen.

Evergreen, there you are! All dressed up in white But hiding underneath the snow, hope reaches for the light…

Evergreen evergreen--

Your roots grow strong and deep!

Like hope, I hope your color stays--Forever, evergreen..

**THE SUN WILL RISE AGAIN –** By Katherine Dines.

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The fields are white and frozen

All the trees are bare

Yet hiding in the snow

Are crops to grow and share!

So dance around the firelight

And on this darkest night

Count the sparks as they fly by…

The Yule Log’s burning bright!

And **THE SUN WILL RISE.**

**THE SUN WILL RISE.**

**THE SUN WILL RISE AGAIN.**

And **THE SUN WILL RISE.**

**THE SUN WILL RISE**

And **THE SUN WILL RISE AGAIN.**

The nights are black and longer

The days are colder still

But spring will bring the warmth back

And flowers on the hill

So dance around the firelight

And on this darkest night

Count the sparks as they fly by…

The Yule Log’s burning bright!

**RAMADAN** – Adapted by Katherine Dines.

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I have some friends and they are Muslim. Their families celebrate Ramadan The ninth month of the lunar year Their families celebrate Ramadan

Ramadan, Ramadan. Their families celebrate Ramadan.

Every morning they get up.  And have a big meal before the light. Then they don’t eat, and they don’t drink.  They fast until the dark of night

I have some friends and they are Muslim

Their families celebrate Ramadan. We go to school together and play. And they pray five times a day

Ramadan, Ramadan. Their families celebrate Ramadan.

On the first day of the month that follows Ramadan Their families invite us to the feast that they put on…

Celebrating Ramadan, Ramadan. Their families celebrate Ramadan.

Ramadan Mubarak *(have a blessed Ramadan)* Ramadan

**KWANZAA! KWANZAA! KWANZAA! KWANZAA! –** By Katherine Dines

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KWANZAA! KWANZAA! KWANZAA! KWANZAA!

Seven candles. Seven nights. Seven truths to learn for life.

Seven numbers. Seven ways. Seven reasons to celebrate.

Kwanzaa means first in KiSwahili

For Family, Community and History

Habari Gani? What’s happening?

It’s First Fruits of the Harvest or…

KWANZAA! KWANZAA! KWANZAA! KWANZAA!

Nguzo Saba are the principles

Making African heritage more meaningful

Umoja is the first for unity

nation, race and family. KWANZAA! KWANZAA! X 2

Kujichagulia is number two

Self-determination, and what anyone can do.

Ujima is number three:

Collective work and responsibility! KWANZAA! KWANZAA X 2

Seven candles. Seven nights. Seven truths to learn for life.

Seven numbers. Seven ways. Seven reasons to celebrate

Ujamaa, is cooperative economy

Where everyone benefits financially

Nia stands for purpose-- it’s number five,

The reasons for keeping tradition alive. KWANZAA! KWANZAA! X 2

Kuumba is six for creativity

Imani is faith in everything we believe!

So fill up your homes and hearts with light

And keep these principles burning bright

Seven candles. Seven nights. Seven truths to learn for life.Seven numbers. Seven ways. Seven reasons to celebrate.KWANZA!

**JOY! –** By Katherine Dines. ©2018 Kiddie Korral Music, ASCAP

Home sweet homes turn upside down

When families come from miles around

It starts with Thanksgiving

Then the world is a whirl of festivities

JOY! Oh JOY! Oh JOY to you

And all of your loved ones too.

Freckles on my cousin’s hand

Wrinkles on my old grand dad

Cooing from the high chair

As we gather for supper and say a prayer

Singing every song off-key

Dancing feet that skip the beat

Eyes bright and excited

When the holiday lights are ignited!

JOY! Oh JOY! Oh JOY to you

And all of your loved ones too.

When holidays come every year

We send our wishes far and near

For love to hold every heart

And all of those who are in need,

We wish for peace and harmony

And hope that will light up the dark....

JOY! Oh JOY! Oh JOY to you And all of your loved ones too.

JOY! Oh JOY! Oh JOY to you

And all of your loved ones too.