

Khanukah Oy Khanukah

Arnold Harris has taken the original Yiddish words of the popular Chanukah song, “Khanukah Oy Khanukah”, and created a new, vibrant melody for them in this exciting SATB choral arrangement which also features a bass solo.

Yiddish was the spoken language and linguistic basis of Eastern European Jewish culture before the holocaust of World War II. It is still thriving and is spoken by many Jews to this very day.

Lyrics & Translation

Khanukah oy Khanukah
A yontif a sheyner
A lustiger a freyligher
Nisht do nokh azeyner
Ale nakht mit dreydelakh
shpiln mir
Frishe heyse latkes
Esn on a shir

Kumt, kinder geshvinder
Die Khanukah likht
Voln mir ontzindn
Mir zangen al ha nisim
Mir danken far die nisim
Lomir ale tantzen tsuzamen

Chanukah Oh Chanukah
A beautiful holiday
Happy & cheerful
Exists nowhere else
Every night with dreydls
we will play
Fresh hot latkes
We'll eat with no delay

Come quickly children
The Chanukah candles
we want to light
We will sing “On the Miracles”
We're thankful for the miracles
Let's all dance together

Pronunciation Guide For Yiddish

| | |
|----|--------------------|
| a | ah |
| e | bed |
| i | fit |
| o | home |
| u | zoom |
| ay | mind |
| ey | say |
| oy | boy |
| kh | German <i>buch</i> |
| sh | shoe |
| ts | hits |

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Traditional Yiddish Lyrics

Music by Arnold Harris ©2008

d = 70

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

Piano

d = 70

mf

Solo
mf

Kha-nu-kah Kha-nu-kah

Oy! Oy! Kha_nu - kah_ Kha-nu - kah_ Kha-nu-kah Oy! Oy! Kha-nu-kah



12

A *mf*

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Oy! Oy!

mf

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Oy! Oy!

mf

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Oy! Oy!

tutti *mf*

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Oy! Oy!

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Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Oy! Oy! Kha - nu - kah

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Oy! Oy! Kha - nu - kah

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Oy! Oy! Kha - nu - kah

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Oy! Oy! Kha - nu - kah

22

p

B

Kha - nu - kah

p

Kha - nu - kah

p

Kha - nu - kah

p

Kha - nu - kah

Solo
mf

A yon - tif a____ shey_ ner

27

mf

Yon - tif shey_ ner

mf

Yon - tif shey_ ner

mf

A lus - ti - ger a____ frey - li - kher

tutti *mf*

A lus - ti - ger a____ frey - li - kher

31

C

Frey - li - kher Nisht do nokh a - zey - ner

Frey - li - kher Nisht do nokh a - zey - ner

Frey - li - kher Nisht do nokh a - zey - ner

Frey - li - kher Nisht do nokh a - zey - ner

Frey - li - kher Nisht do nokh a - zey - ner

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A - leh nakht mit drey - da - lakh shpi - ln mir, shpi - ln mir

A - leh nakht mit drey - da - lakh shpi - ln mir, shpi - ln mir

A - leh nakht mit drey - da - lakh shpi - ln mir, shpi - ln mir

A - leh nakht mit drey - da - lakh shpi - ln mir, shpi - ln mir

40 *f*

Fri-she hey-se lat - kes Es _____ sn on - a shir.

f

Fri-she hey-se lat - kes Es _____ sn on - a shir.

f

Fri-she hey-se lat - kes Es _____ sn on - a shir.

f

Fri-she hey-se lat - kes Es _____ sn on - a shir.

f

Fri-she hey-se lat - kes Es _____ sn on - a shir.

8

f

Fri-she hey-se lat - kes Es _____ sn on - a shir.

8

44

p

Kha - nu - kah

p

Kumt!

kin - der ge-schwind - der

p

f

f

48

die Kha - nu - kah likht vo - ln mir on - tzin - dn. //

die Kha - nu - kah likht vo - ln mir on - tzin - dn. //

die Kha - nu - kah likht vo - ln mir on - tzin - dn. //

tutti die Kha - nu - kah likht vo - ln mir on - tzin - dn. //

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Mir dan-ken far die ni sim.

Mir dan-ken far die ni sim.

Solo

f Mir zang-en "Al ha- ni-sim" Die tutti p

f p

57

Musical score for voice and piano. The vocal part consists of three staves. The top staff has lyrics: "ni sim, ni - sim, ni sim, ni - sim Die". The middle staff continues with "ni sim, ni - sim, ni sim, ni - sim Die". The bottom staff starts with "ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim". The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef, mostly silent with occasional chords. Measure 57 ends with a piano dynamic *p*. Measures 58-60 continue the vocal line with the same lyrics and piano dynamics. Measure 61 concludes with a piano dynamic *mf*.

ni sim, ni - sim, ni sim, ni - sim Die
ni sim, ni - sim, ni sim, ni - sim Die
ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim
ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim

62

Musical score for voice and piano. The vocal part consists of three staves. The top staff has lyrics: "ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim sim.". The middle staff continues with "ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim sim.". The bottom staff starts with "ni sim, ni sim, ni sim". The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef, mostly silent with occasional chords. Measure 62 ends with a piano dynamic *f*. Measures 63-65 continue the vocal line with the same lyrics and piano dynamics. Measures 66-68 conclude with a piano dynamic *f*.

ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim sim.
ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim, die ni sim sim.
ni sim, ni sim, ni sim sim.

E

67

Kha-nu-kah Kha-nu-kah Oy! Oy! Kha-nu-kah Kha-nu-kah Kha-nu-kah
 Kha-nu-kah Kha-nu-kah Oy! Oy! Kha-nu-kah Kha-nu-kah Kha-nu-kah
 Kha-nu-kah Kha-nu-kah Oy! Oy! Kha-nu-kah Kha-nu-kah Kha-nu-kah

F

73

Oy! Oy! Kha-nu-kah
 Oy! Oy! Kha-nu-kah
 Oy! Oy! Kha-nu-kah

Solo *mf*

Oy! Oy! Kha-nu-kah Lo-mir a-le tan-tsen tsu - za men

81 *mf*

Mir zang-en "al ha - ni- sim" far die ni-sim

mf

Mir zang-en "al ha - ni- sim" far die ni-sim

mf

mir dan-ken far die ni-sim

mf

mir dan-ken far die ni-sim

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Lo - mir a - le tan -tsen tsu - za - men, tsu - za - men, tsu - za - men.

Lo - mir a - le tan -tsen tsu - za - men, tsu - za - men, tsu - za - men.

8 Lo - mir a - le tan -tsen tsu - za - men, tsu - za - men tsu - za - men.

Lo - mir a - le tan -tsen tsu - za - men, tsu - za - men, tsu - za - men.

mf

95

poco accel.

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah, Oy! Kha - nu - Kha - nu - kah

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah, Oy! Kha - nu - Kha - nu - kah

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Oy! Kha - nu - Kha - nu - kah

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Oy! Kha - nu - Kha - nu - kah

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Oy! Kha - nu - Kha - nu - kah

Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Kha - nu - kah Oy! Kha - nu - Kha - nu - kah

poco accel.