

Mama Rochel - Abie Rotenberg / Yaakov Shwekey

[note: start singing with the following notes (not chords):]

[(A lot of people get tripped up and start singing on the wrong key because the first chord starts after the first word!)]

b d e d b

With the rising sun

[end note]

C D G Em

With the rising sun on her wedding day

G D C

She raised her eyes to the heavens

C D Em C G

And she thanked Hashem for the man of truth

G Am Bm C Am D

With whom she would build a nation

C D G Em

But with nightfall came destiny betrayed

G D C

The veil concealing another

C D Em C D

Yet her sister's shame, not her shattered dreams

C Em

Took hold of her heart and her senses

[Chorus]

C D

Mama Rochel cry for us again

Bm C

Won't you shed a tear for your dear children?

Am

D

If you raise your sweet voice now as then the day will

Em

come

C

D

Mama Rochel cry for us again

Bm

C

Won't you shed a tear for your dear children?

Am

D

Bm

Em

Bi'zchutaich v'shavu vonim lig'vulom

C

D

G

Em

In a roadside grave she was laid to rest

G

D

C

In solitude, forever

C

D

Em

C

G

But her voice gave hope to the broken hearts

G

Am

Bm

C

Am

D

Of her daughters and sons bound for exile

C

D

G

Em

When her plaintive cry gained Divine consent

G

D

C

A challenge to her Maker

C

D

Em

C

D

Can the mercy of mere flesh and blood

C

Em

Run deeper than Yours, our Creator?

[Chorus]

C

D

Mama Rochel cry for us again

Won't you shed a tear for your dear children?

If you raise your sweet voice now as then the day will
come

Mama Rochel cry for us again

Won't you shed a tear for your dear children?

Bi'zchutaich v'shavu vonim lig'vulom

Now your voice is still as you heed the call

Of m'ni kolaich mi'bechi

It's our Father's will, He who made us all

Dare we ask of you to defy Him?

Yet a frightened child, numb from pain and grief

Remains forlorn and uncertain

Clinging to the faith that it can be heard

As it cries out to its mother

[Chorus]

Mama Mama vain nochamol
Treren zoltz du gissen un a tzohl
Beten fun Bashefer In Himmel, b'kol rom

Mama Mama vain nochamol
Treren zoltz du gissen un a tzohl
Bi'zchuseich v'shavu vonim li'gvulom

Rochel Imeinu s'ee kolaich
Shuv shifchi kamayim dimataich
B'chi nah al banim asher galu v'al sivlam

Rochel Imeinu s'ee kolaich
Shuv shifchi dimah lifnei Konaich
Bi'zchuseich v'shavu vonim li'gvulom

Mama Rochel cry for us again
Won't you shed a tear for your dear children?
If you raise your sweet voice now as then the day will

Em

come

Mama Rochel cry for us again

Won't you shed a tear for your dear children?

Bi'zchutaich v'shavu vonim lig'vulom

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