

## THIS DAY

When you wake, may you face the sun and gladly greet each day.  
When you rise, may you touch the earth and know that you belong.  
When you walk, may you find the path that's truly meant for you.  
When you sleep, may your dreams unlock the secrets of your song.

### CHORUS

*THIS DAY, my child, marks the journey you've begun,  
Your whole life waits to be known,  
May you grow in strength and wisdom, in compassion and in love,  
May you walk in the ways of Shalom.*

When you work, may your heart and mind be present in your hands.  
When you laugh, may the magic of your joy spread far and wide.  
When you speak, may your words bring truth and healing to the world.  
When you cry, may your tears repair whatever hurts inside.

### CHORUS

When you dance, may you find the footsteps of your ancestors.  
When you breathe, may you take in all the power of the wind.  
When you study, may your soul recall the lessons from the past.  
When you pray, may you always hear the still, small voice within.

### CHORUS

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*Dorie's notes: This was the song I wrote and sang for my son, Evan, at his Bar Mitzvah in 1994. I sang first the lullaby I wrote for him when he was a baby, and then this song, full of my wishes for him as a soon-to-be-man. He continues to amaze me, and make me proud, as he finds his path.*