## SH'MA AND ITS BLESSINGS

Call to Prayer	O GOD, You are as near as	
Creation	the very air we breathe,	
Revelation	yet farther than the farthermost star.	
Sh'ma	We yearn to reach You.	
You Shall Love	We seek the light and warmth of Your Presence.	
Redemption	Though we say You are near,	
Divine Providence	we are lonely and alone.	
Reader's Kaddish	O let our desire be so strong	
	that it will tear the veil that keeps You from our sight!	
	Let Your light release our darkness	
	and reveal the glory and joy of Your Presence.	
	בָרוּך אַתָּה, יְיָ, הַמַּאַרִיב אָרָבִים. Baruch atah, Adonai, hamaariv aravim.	
	ON THAT NIGHT OF stars	בְּאוֹתוֹ לֵיל כּוֹכָבִים

my childhood sought	בִּקְשָׁה יַלְדוּתִי
the Creator of the universe.	אֶת בּוֹרֵא הָעוֹלָס.
The years that stream on like water	הַשֶּׁנִים שֶׁנְגָרוֹת כַּמֵיִם,
neither pain	שום עֶצֶב
nor person	ושום אָדָם
can make me forget	לא יוּכְלוּ לְהַשְׁפִּיחַ מִמֱנִּי
distances	מֶרְחַקִּים
that are beyond all distance.	שָׁנְבְדְּלוּ מִכְּל מֶרְחָק.

The image of light is a crucial reminder that even in the darkest moment of night, God continues to reawaken and to renew us just as the sun rises each day. -ELAINE ZECHER

## שמע וברכותיה

ברכו Bar'chu

מעריב ערבים Maariv Aravim

אהבת עולם Ahavat Olam

> שמע Sh'ma

וְאָהַבְתָ V'ahavta

אמת ואמונה Emet ve-Emunah

> מיכמכה Mi Chamochah

> > השפיבנו Hashkiveinu

חצי קדיש Chatzi Kaddish

בָּרוּך אַתָּה, יִי אלהינו, מלך העולם, Eloheinu, Melech haolam, אֲשֶׁר בִּדְבָרוֹ מַעֲרִיב עֲרָבִים, asher bid'varo maariv aravim. בְּחַכְמָה פּוֹתָחַ שְׁעָרִים, b'chochmah potei-ach sh'arim, וּבְתָבוּנָה מְשֵׁנָה עִתִּים uvit'vunah m'shaneh itim וּמַחַלִיף אֶת הַוּמַנִּים, umachalif et haz'manim, וּמִסַדֵּר אֶת הַכּוֹכָבִים um'sadeir et hakochavim בְּמִשְׁמְרוֹתֵיהֵם בָּרָקֵיעַ כְּרְצוֹנוֹ. b'mishm'roteihem barakia kirtzono. בּוֹרָא יוֹם וַלָילָה, גּוֹלֵל אוֹר מִפְּנֵי חְשֶׁדָ, goleil or mip'nei choshech וְחִשֶׁך מִפְּנֵי אוֹר, וּמַעֲבִיר יוֹם וּמֵבִיא לֵילָה, umaavir yom umeivi lailah, וּמַבִדִּיל בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לֵילָה, umavdil bein yom uvein lailah, יי צבאות שמו. אל חי וקים, תַּמִיד יִמְלֹדְ עַלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וַעָד. tamid yimloch aleinu l'olam va-ed. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה, יִיָ, הַמַּאַרִיב אַרָבִים. Baruch atah, Adonai, hamaariv aravim.

PRAISED ARE YOU, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe,

who speaks the evening into being,

skillfully opens the gates,

Baruch atah, Adonai

Borei yom valailah,

v'choshech mip'nei or,

Adonai Tz'vaot sh'mo.

El chai v'kayam,

thoughtfully alters the time and changes the seasons,

and arranges the stars in their heavenly courses according to plan.

You are Creator of day and night,

rolling light away from darkness and darkness from light,

transforming day into night and distinguishing one from the other.

Adonai Tz'vaot is Your name.

Ever-living God, may You reign continually over us into eternity.

Praise to You, Adonai, who brings on evening.

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Adonai Tz'vaot צבאות This is one of the many names that help elucidate God's attributes. We see God as cosmic designer, creator, and arranger of the universe with order and purpose.