

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

(A Jewish Perspective Suggested by Parshat Toldot)

Oh God
Thank you for food
Without it we get cranky
And maybe even rude
It really helps our attitude

Oh God
Thank you for family
Sometimes they steal your birthright
And father's blessing too
It's nothing that we can't work through
'Cause family is what's real
And turkey too

Oh God
Thank you for life
I'm glad I'm not the turkey
That's underneath the knife
And here around this table
Will wonders never cease
I have
A feeling of peace

-- John Orenstein

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LEADER SINGS, GROUP REPEATS AFTER EACH 'RAILROAD TRACKS' MARK

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 2/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "OH GOD, THANK YOU FOR FOOD. WITH - OUT IT WE GET CRANK - Y AND MAY - BE E - VEN RUDE. IT REAL - LY HELPS OUR ATT - I - TUDE. OH GOD, THANK YOU FOR FAM - ILY. SOME - TIMES THEY STEAL YOUR BIRTH - RIGHT AND FATH - ER'S BLESS - ING TOO. IT'S NOTH - ING THAT WE CAN'T WORK THROUGH. 'CAUSE FAM - ILY IS WHAT'S REAL AND TURK - EY TOD. OH GOD, THANK YOU FOR LIFE. I'M GLAD I'M NOT THE TURK - EY THAT'S UN - DER - NEATH THE KNIFE. AND HERE A - ROUND THIS TA - BLE WILL WON - DERS NEV - ER CEASE? I FEEL A SENSE OF PEACE." The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and slurs. There are double bar lines with repeat marks (//) and triplets (3) throughout the piece. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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An empty musical staff with a treble clef and a 2/4 time signature, starting at measure 25.

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An empty musical staff with a treble clef and a 2/4 time signature, starting at measure 29.