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Ner va Or

“Candles & Light”

Music by Arnold Harris

A Hebrew Song for the Chanukah Season



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Ner va Or (Candles & Light)

Chanukah celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it was recaptured from the Syrian Greeks in 165 BCE. The miracle referred to is the fact that when the priests returned to the Temple, they found only enough oil to last for one day, but it lasted for eight. Thus, holiday candles are lit on all eight days. The menorah, with its eight branches, one for each candle, has become the symbol of Chanukah.

As one of the main concepts of Chanukah is “light”, Arnold Harris has set two different biblical texts about light in “Ner va Or”, each with its own theme, and then joined together. There is also a bass solo.

Translations by Rabbi Carl Perkins, Temple Aliyah, Needham, MA

Proverbs: 20:27

*Ner Adoshem, nishmat adam
Chofeis kaul chadrei vaten*

*God’s lantern is the human spirit,
Illuminating the innermost depths*

Psalm 97

*Or zarua latzadik
Ul’yishrei lev simcha*

*Light is sown for the righteous,
And for the upright of heart, joy*

Pronunciation Guide For Hebrew

a	as in ah
e	as in led
i	as in ski
o	as in French beau
u	as in zoo (no diphthong)
ei	as in French blasé
ch	as in German buch
g	as in good
h	as in house
k	as in kite
s	as in sound
sh	as in shoe
ts	as in hits

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♩ = 75

SOPRANO/
ALTO

TENOR/
BASS

Piano

mp

Ner ner A-do shem nish-mat a -

mp

mp

6

mf

dam, nish - mat a - dam cho - feis, cho - feis, cho - feis, cho -

mf

mf

9

feis kaul chad - rei, chad - rei va - ten, chad - rei va - ten

12

mp *p* // **A**

Bass Solo *rit.*

mp Ner — *p* Ner — // *mf* Freely *p*

Ner — a — do - shem nish - mat a - dam — cho - feis —

// *rit.*

B ♩ = 85
Faster

la - tza - dik —

f Or — za - ru — a la - tza - dik Or — za -

♩ = 85
Faster

f

ul yish rei lev sim cha, or za -

ru a la - tza - dik ul' - yish - rei lev sim - cha.

ru a la - tza - dik Or za - ru a la - tza - dik ul' yish -

la - tza - dik ul' - yish -

rei lev sim cha, lev sim cha, lev sim cha.

rei lev sim - cha, lev sim cha, lev sim - cha.

C

mp

30

Ner, ner, ner

or za - ru a, or za - ru a, or za -

33

ner A - do - shem nish-mat a - dam.

ru a la - tza - dik la - tza - dik la - tza - dik ul' - yish - rei lev sim - cha.

36

cho - feis kaul chad - rei va - ten

la tza dik, la tza dik, la tza dik

40

rit. 5

Or za - ru a la - tza - dik la - tza - dik.

Or za - ru a, la - tza - dik la - tza - dik.

D rit. //

42 tempo 1

Ner ner A-do shem nish-mat a - dam, nish-mat a -

D

46

dam cho - feis, cho - feis, cho - feis, cho - feis kaul chad - rei, chad -

mf

49

rit.

pp

rei va-ten, chad - rei va-ten. Ner, — ner, — ner. —

rit.

pp