

HAVA NAGILA

(Let Us Rejoice)

“Hava Nagila” is a popular Israeli folk song, often sung at joyful Jewish festivities such as weddings and bar/bat mitzvah celebrations. It has been recorded by such artists as Harry Belafonte, Neil Diamond, and Ben Folds. The tune is a Hasidic melody originally from Eastern Europe. Words were added to the melody in the early 20th century. The text is a paraphrase of Psalm 118:24, “This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” “Hava Nagila” is often performed as an Israeli-style hora folk dance.

TRANSLATION/PRONUNCIATION

Hava nagila venismecha.

(Let us rejoice and be happy.)

Hah-vah nah-gee-lah veh-nees-meh-chah.

Hava neranenah venismecha.

(Let us sing and be happy.)

Hah-vah neh-rah-neh-nah veh-nees-meh-chah.

Uru! Uru achim!

(Awake! Awake my brothers!)

Oo-roo! Oo-roo ah-cheem!

Uru achim belev sameach.

(Awake my brothers with a happy heart.)

Oo-roo ah-cheem beh-lehv sah-meh-ahch.

NOTE: Roll each “r.” Pronounce “ch” as a voiceless uvular fricative, like the “ch” in “Bach.”

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(Let Us Rejoice)

for T.T.B. voices and piano
with optional PianoTrax*

Traditional Hebrew Folk Song
Arranged by LON BEERY

Very freely ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 80$)

PIANO

mf - mp

1. 2. *(in tempo)*

4

Moderately ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 92$)

BARITONE

mp (Tenor I may double the Baritone an octave higher through measure 11)

Ha - va na - gi - la, ha - va na - gi - la,

(detached)

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ha - va na - gi - la ve - nis - me - cha.

* PianoTrax 12 accompaniment CD available (48280). Visit alfred.com for digital scores and audio.

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Ha - va _____ na - gi - la, ha - va _____ na - gi - la,

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ha - va _____ na - gi - la ve - nis - me - cha.

12

TENORI
mp (Baritone may double the Tenor I an octave lower through measure 19)

Ha - va ne - ra - ne - na, ha - va ne - ra - ne - na,

14

ha - va ne - ra - ne - na ve - nis - me - cha.

16

Ha - va ne - ra - ne - na, ha - va ne - ra - ne - na,

18

ha - va ne - ra - ne - na ve - nis - me - cha.

20 TENOR II
mf

U - ru U - ru a - chim!

22

U - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach, u - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach,

24

u - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach, u - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach.

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U - ru a - chim! U - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach

First time (♩ = ca. 104)

28 Second time (♩ = ca. 120)

TENOR I

TENOR II

mf

BARITONE

mf

Ha - va na - gi - la, ha - va na - gi - la,

Ha - va na - gi - la, ha - va na - gi - la,

First time (♩ = ca. 104)

Second time (♩ = ca. 120)

30

ha - va na - gi - la ve - nis - me - cha.

ha - va na - gi - la ve - nis me - cha.

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Ha va na - gi - la, ha - va na - gi - la,

Ha va na - gi - la, ha - va na - gi - la,

ha - va na - gi - la ve - nis - me - cha.

ha - va na - gi - la ve - nis me - cha.

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mf

Ha - va ne - ra - ne - na, ha - va ne - ra - ne - na,

Ha - va ne - ra - ne - na,

Ha - va ne - ra - ne - na,

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ha - va ne - ra - ne - na ve - nis - me - cha.

ha - va ne - ra - ne - na ve - nis - me - cha.

ha - va ne - ra - ne - na ve - nis - me - cha.

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Ha - va ne - ra - ne - na, ha - va ne - ra - ne - na,

Ha - va ne - ra - ne - na,

Ha - va ne - ra - ne - na,

Ha - va ne - ra - ne - na,

ha - va ne - ra - ne - na ve - nis - me - cha.

ha - va ne - ra - ne - na ve - nis - me - cha.

ha - va ne - ra - ne - ma ve - nis - me - cha.

f U - ru! U - ru a - chim!

f U - ru! U - ru a - chim!

f U - ru! U - ru a - chim!

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U - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach, u - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach,
 U - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach, u - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach,
 U - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach, u - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach,

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u - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach, u - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach,
 u - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach, u - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach.
 u - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach, u - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach.

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1.

be - lev sa - me - ach.

U - ru a - chim! U - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach.

U - ru a - chim! U - ru a - chim be - lev sa - me - ach.

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2.

lev sa - me - ach, be - lev sa - me - ach. Hey!

lev sa - me - ach, be - lev sa - me - ach. Hey!

lev sa - me - ach, be - lev sa - me - ach. Hey!

2.

ff