

V'shavu Banim

letter keys for keyboard · Benny Friedman & Baruch Levine · key: A
minor (all white keys)

וְשָׁבוּ
בָּנִים

How to read it: each box is a key. Letters with no mark are the white keys from **middle C** going up.

 = the C higher up (to the right)  = just below (left of) middle C  = black key

– = keep singing the same word · wider box = hold the key a bit longer

Intro

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Verse 1

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Looking back at the trail of tears behind them

13 A E D C B A G E

14 E

The past they cherished disappeared from sight

15 D E F D F A

16 G E G A A

17 A G A E D

Hearts torn from the home they'd never see again

18 C B A A G G E

Thrust into an exile, wanderers of the night

19 F D F A B B

20 C B A G A

21 A

22 B C D D D C B G

But along the road she waited for her children

23 C D E E D

24 C

For who else but a mother eases pain?

25 F E F E G E

26 D C A B C

Her resting place was chosen for this reason

27 C

28 ^C ^D ^D

29 ^C B G

30 ^C ^D ^E ^E ^D

31 ^C

To be that one lone space of comfort that remains

32 ^C ^D ^E ^F ^E ^F ^E ^G ^E

33 ^D ^C A

Chorus

34 ^C ^E ^E ^E ^E ^E

So we carry our prayers to you, Mamme Rochel!

35 ^E ^D ^C ^D ^E ^E ^E

36 ^E ^G ^F ^E ^E ^E

With no more words and only tears, to you Mamme Rochel!

37 ^E ^E ^E ^E ^D ^E ^D ^F ^F ^F

38 ^E ^F ^G

When our world seems to end, we come back to you again

39 ^A ^B ^A

40 ^G ^F ^E ^C ^C ^E

41 ^G ^F ^F ^E ^D ^D ^C

Mamme, don't stop asking when, Mamme Mamme Rochel

42 A ^C ^E ^D

43 B A ^D ^C B A

44 A A ^C ^E ^E ^E ^E

Mamme, you did not ask why, Mamme Mamme Rochel!

45 ^E ^D ^C ^D ^E ^E

Mamme, you did not ask how, Mamme Mamme Rochel!

46 ^G ^F ^E ^E ^E ^E ^E

47 ^E ^D ^E ^D ^F

But please don't hold back your tears, let your voice be heard again

48 ^F ^E ^F ^G

49 ^A ^B ^A

50 ^G ^F ^E ^C ^E ^G ^F

51 ^E ^D ^C A ^C ^E ^D

Mamme, don't stop asking when, Mamme Mamme Rochel

52 B A ^D ^C B A

Kol B'ramah

קול ברמה נשמע

53 A

Kol b'ramah nishma

54 A G A

55 ^E ^D ^C B A G E

נהי בכי תמרורים

56 D E F D F A

nehi bechi tamrurim

57 G E G A

58 A

59 A G A

60 ^E ^D ^C ^C B A G E

Rochel mevakah al baneha

61 E E

62 F D F A B B

63 B ^C B A G A

רָחֵל מְבַכָּה עַל בָּנֶיהָ

Verse 2

64 B ^C ^D ^D ^D ^C B G

When our lives have been shaken, it is here that we feel safe

65 ^C ^D ^E

66 ^D ^D ^C

67 ^F ^F ^E ^F ^E ^G ^E

So we turn to you, there's nowhere else to run

68 ^D ^C A B ^C

69 ^C

70 ^C ^D ^D ^D ^C B

71 G G ^G ^G ^G ^G

The future feels uncertain, but in this promise we have faith

72 ^G ^A ^E ^E

73 ^E ^F ^E ^F ^E ^G

וְשָׁבוּ וְשָׁבוּ בְּנִים לְגִבּוֹלָם

74 ^G ^G ^E ^G ^A

V'shavu v'shavu vanim ligvulam!

75 ^G ^G ^G ^F ^E ^E ^E ^E

Chorus

76 ^E ^E ^E ^D ^C ^D ^E ^E ^E ^E

So we carry our prayers to you, Mamme Rochel!

77 ^E ^G ^F ^E ^E ^G

With no more words and only tears, to you Mamme Rochel!

78 ^E ^E ^E ^E ^D ^E ^D ^F ^F

79 ^E ^F ^G

When our world seems to end, we come back to you again

80 ^A ^B ^A ^G ^F ^E ^C ^E ^G ^F

81 ^E ^D ^C A ^C ^E ^G

Mamme, don't stop asking when, Mamme Mamme Rochel

82 ^D ^C B ^E

83 A ^C ^E

Mamme, you did not ask why, Mamme Mamme Rochel!

84 ^E ^E ^E

85 ^E ^D ^C ^D ^E ^E ^E

Mamme, you did not ask how, Mamme Mamme Rochel!

86 ^E ^G ^F ^E

87 ^E

88 ^E

89 ^E ^F ^G ^A ^G ^F

But please don't hold back your tears, let your voice be heard again

90 ^F ^E ^F ^G

91 ^A ^B ^A

92 ^G ^F ^E ^C ^E ^G

93 ^F ^F ^E ^D ^E

Mamme, don't stop asking when, Mamme Mamme Rochel

94 ^E ^D

95 B A ^D ^C B A

Ending

וְשָׁבוּ וְשָׁבוּ בָּנִים לְגִבּוּלָם

96 A ^C

V'shavu v'shavu vanim ligvulam

97 ^D ^E ^F ^E ^D

וְשָׁבוּ וְשָׁבוּ בָּנִים לְגִבּוּלָם

98 ^C ^C ^D ^E ^F ^E ^D

V'shavu v'shavu vanim ligvulam

99 ^A

100 ^G ^A ^G ^E ^D ^C ^D

101 ^E

102 ^D

וְשָׁבוּ וְשָׁבוּ בְּנֵים לְגִבּוּלָם

103 ^C

V'shavu v'shavu vanim ligvulam

104 ^D ^E ^F ^E ^D

105 ^C

וְשָׁבוּ וְשָׁבוּ בְּנֵים לְגִבּוּלָם

106 ^D ^E ^F ^E ^D

V'shavu v'shavu vanim ligvulam

107 ^A

108 ^G ^A ^G ^E ^D ^C ^D

109 ^E ^E

110 ^E

Melody from a piano teacher's tutorial for V'shavu Banim by Benny Friedman & Baruch Levine (composed by Chayala Neuhaus), checked against the tutorial's own audio (about 99% of notes match in the first four minutes). Order as played: intro, verse 1, chorus twice, Kol B'ramah, verse 2, chorus twice, then V'shavu at the end. The tutorial goes a half step higher for the last part; it's moved back down here so the whole song stays on white keys. The recording ends with a few extra "Mamme, don't stop asking when" lines. Words are printed under each phrase (not matched note by note).