

Lighting Candles in the Dark

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First night of Chanuka - Light one candle in the dark
Watch the flame grow strong and steady from this tiny spark
From silence we weave songs with blessings and delight
We fill our hearts with joy and we fill our souls with light.

Second night of Chanuka - Daylight fades so fast
From these candles of today I wander to the past:
This menorah from my childhood, that one from my teens
Two of clay, by children fashioned, one more in between.

Third night of Chanuka - The darkness drifts away
As we light these five menorahs we weave night into day
Hear our words of awe and wonder, blessings in God's name
See the glow of hope and promise in the steady flame.

Fourth night of Chanuka - Watch the brightness grow
Breathe the beauty deep inside you as the candles glow
Some days you give your strength to me, some days I give you mine
For even in the darkest moments ... still ... the candles shine.

Candles five and six and seven bind us to the light
Cast aside the growing shadows let your soul shine bright
For the darkness has no power when we learn not to fear
Then light flows into every corner and God is with us here.

Eighth night of Chanuka - Now my joy is tinged with pain
for even as I light these lights, I know the dark will come again
Hold on to the world of wonder in the darkest night
Then Chanuka will never end ... and you will shine with light.

Hold on to the world of wonder in the darkest night
Then Chanuka will never end ... and you will shine with light.