

Triumph of Spirit

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It [C]happened so long [G]ago, this [F]story that we all [Em]know,
the [F]triumph [C]of our [F]people's [C]love for [G]God[G~-G]
when a [F]small Jewish [G]band of Maca[F]bees took a [G]stand and said [C]no.[F-G] (coda to end)

That [C]tiny group of [G]Jews, for [F]sure you'd think they'd [Em]lose
to a [F]much stronger [C]foe, but [F]wouldn't you [C]know, they [G]won...[G~-G]
when a [F]small Jewish [G]band of Maca[F]bees took a [G]stand and said [C]no. [C7]

[Dm]The mira[G]cle I'd say is [C]not how many [F]days
[Dm]the oil could [G]last with the temple [Am]smashed and [A]burned.
[Dm]But-how in[G]spired Jews put [C]all their faith in [A]God
[Dm]And dared to [G]have their rights [C]returned.[F-G]

We [C]celebrate to[G]day the [F]freedom we have to [Em]pray,
and re[F]member the [C]ones who'd [F]over[C]come their [G]fear...[G~-G]
who [F]fought for our [G]right to light these [F]candles to[G]night
and had the [F]courage to [G]say Sha[C]lom! [C7]

[Dm]Baruch A[G]tah Ado[C]nai-i-i-[F]i
[Dm]Elo[G]henu melech [Am]ha'olam[A7]
[Dm]Sheasa [G]nisim [C]la'avote[A]nu
[Dm]Bayamim ha[G]heim bazman [C]hazeh[F-G] (first verse + coda)

Coda:

They de[F]manded their [G]rights,
they wouldn't [F]give up the [G]fight,
and said [C]no-o-[C7]o.
The Macca[F]bees had it [G]right
when they [F]took up the [G]fight
and said [C]NO!