

Far Away Rabbi Gersh Lazarow

Never have we felt so far away. Our hearts are tethered to Israel, but our hands feel powerless from across the world. We watch the pain, the fear and the grief unfold and wonder – how can we help? What can we do? In moments like these, it is natural to feel small, to feel helpless.

But our tradition teaches us that even when we feel powerless, we are not without purpose. The smallest actions, the quietest prayers and the light we share with each other carry weight. We are not helpless. In our unity, in our commitment to justice and peace, we draw closer. Our voices, even from a distance, create ripples that travel far beyond what we see.

Ani V'ata – You and I. Together, we can change the world. Step by step, act by act, heart by heart. We may feel far from Israel, but we are bound by shared history, shared responsibility and shared hope. Every gesture of kindness, every moment of solidarity, brings us closer to the peace and healing we seek.

אני ואַתָּה - Ani v'Ata Arik Einstein

אני ואַתָּה נִשְׁנֶה אֶת הָעוֹלָם.	Ani v'ata n'sha'ne et ha'olam.
אני ואַתָּה אַז יבֹאוּ כָּבֶד כּוֹלָם.	Ani v'ata az yavo'u k'var kulam.
אִמְרוּ אֶת זֶה קוֹדֵם לִפְנֵי	Am'ru et ze kodem l'fanai
לֹא מִשְׁנֶה –	lo m'sha'ne –
אני ואַתָּה נִשְׁנֶה אֶת הָעוֹלָם.	ani v'ata n'sha'ne et ha'olam.
אני ואַתָּה נִנְסֶה מִהֲתַחֲלָה.	Ani v'ata n'na'se me'hat'chala.
יִהְיֶה לָנוּ רֵעַ, אֵין דָּבָר זֶה לֹא	Yih'ye lanu ra, ein davar ze lo
נֹרָא. אִמְרוּ אֶת זֶה קוֹדֵם	nora. Am'ru et ze kodem
לִפְנֵי, זֶה לֹא מִשְׁנֶה –	l'fa'nai ze lo m'sha'ne –
אני ואַתָּה נִשְׁנֶה אֶת הָעוֹלָם.	ani v'ata n'sha'ne et ha'olam.

You and I we'll change the world, you and I, and by then all will follow. Others have said it before me but that doesn't matter – you and I, we'll change the world. You and I, we'll try from the beginning, it will be tough for us, no matter what, it's not too bad! Others have said it before me, but it doesn't matter, you and I, we'll change the world.