

# Dharma Garden Songbook with Chords



*Dharma Rain Zen Center*



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# Morning Gatha

(Jodo Shinshu Songbook)

## (Capo 2)

**C**

Early in the morning / We our voices raise

**C7**            **F**            **C**            **G**            **C**

To the gentle teacher / Words of joy and praise.

**C**

Let the holy temple / Now with joy resound

**C7**            **F**            **C**            **G**            **C**

Glory to Lord Buddha / Who Nirvana found.

**C**

Here each child shall offer / Heart's devotion true

**C7**            **F**            **C**            **G**            **C**

Promising forever / Righteous deeds to do.

**C**

Here before his image / Blossoms rare we place

**C7**            **F**            **C**            **G**            **C**

Emblems true of beauty / Purity and grace.

**C**

May our deeds like flowers / Sweetest perfume give

**C7**            **F**            **C**            **G**            **C**

Our religion preaching / By the lives we liv

# Bailin' Out Water

(From Dharma Moon)

CHORUS:

**C**

Bailin' out water from a leaky canoe

Bailin' out water from a leaky canoe

**G7**

Nothin' to get, just one thing to do

**C**

Bailin' out water from a leaky canoe

**F**

When we're sittin' on the cushion

**Am**

We don't wonder when the bell will chime

**F**

When we're sittin' on the cushion

**Am**

**A7**

We abandon every notion of time, reason or rhyme

**D7**

If the thoughts and the feelings start a-leakin' on in,

**Ab7**

We jump right back to bailin' water again, and we're...

(CHORUS)

**F**

Now no matter what we do

**Am**

We keep the faith that our canoe can't sink

**F**

And every drop of water that comes by

**Am**

**A7**

We don't have to drink, don't you think

**D7**

If the thoughts and the feelings start a-leakin' on in,

**Ab7**

We jump right back to bailin' water again, and we're...

(CHORUS)

**F**

When we're cruisin' down the river

**Am**

We don't worry 'bout how dry we can get

**F**

'Cause as long as we keep bailin',

**Am**

**A7**

Seems the water never gets us wet, wanna bet

**D7**

If the thoughts and the feelings. start a-leakin' on in,

**Ab7**

We jump right back to bailin' water again, and we're...

(CHORUS)





# Bodhidharma

(To the tune of "Wagon Wheel" by The Old Crow Medicine Show)

**F** **C**  
Coming from the east to the land of green tea

**Dm** **Bb**  
Last name Dharma, first name Bodhi

**F**  
Walking up the road

**C** **Dm** **Bb**  
He prays to Buddha he'll get it right

**F** **C**  
He spent every day sitting for endless hours

**Dm** **Bb**  
Like a lotus in muddy water with zazen powers

**F** **C** **Dm** **Bb**  
And he's hoping to transmit his dharmic light

Chorus:

**F** **C**  
So spin me Buddha like a dharma wheel

**Dm** **Bb**  
Help me now to see what's real

**F** **C** **Dm** **Bb**  
Hey ey Bodhidharma

**F** **C**  
Help me sit through the wind and the rain

**Dm** **Bb**  
Help me be present through all my pain

**F** **C** **Dm** **Bb**  
Hey ey Bodhidharma

**F** **C**  
 Walking to the north out of India  
**Dm** **Bb**  
 Met an emperor of China whose name was Wu  
**F** **C** **Dm** **Bb**  
 Wu asked if he'd get any merit – for all the deeds he'd done  
**F** **C**  
 Well Bodhi told him “No,” and Wu he got upset  
**Dm** **Bb**  
 Sent him on his way which he'd soon regret  
**F** **C** **Dm** **Bb**  
 Cuz' if the whole country came he wouldn't turn back now

(CHORUS)

**F** **C**  
 He was a wild eye man who brought us Chan  
**Dm** **Bb**  
 The Shaolin monks didn't know he had it goin' on  
**F** **C** **Dm** **Bb**  
 So he walked to a cave and he sat right down  
**F** **C**  
 He stared at a wall for nine long years  
**Dm** **Bb**  
 Seeing through delusions he conquered all his fears  
**F** **C** **Dm** **Bb**  
 And when he came out they didn't doubt him no more

(CHORUS)

# The Charioteer Song

(From Dharma Moon)

*Chorus:*

**Am Dm Am Dm**  
Buddha rode out from his palace one day  
**Am Dm E7 Am**  
Where his father the king kept him out of the way.  
**Am Dm Am Dm**  
Didn't want him to see any suffering or pain,  
**E7 Am E7**  
But Buddha had his charioteer explain.... He said, "Channa..."  
**Am**  
Why is that woman's face all wrinkled?  
**E7**  
Why is that woman's face all wrinkled?  
**Am E7 Am E7**  
Why is that woman's face all wrinkled?... His Charioteer replied...  
**Am**  
That's an OLD woman with her face all wrinkled  
**E7**  
That's an OLD woman with her face all wrinkled  
**Am**  
That's an OLD woman with her face all wrinkled  
**E7 Am G7**  
And Buddha's eyes opened wide!... He said:  
**C F C**  
Impermanence surrounds us, existence doesn't stay,  
**D7 G**  
The OLD ones of tomorrow are YOUNG enough today.  
**C F E7**  
So he sat in meditation - he didn't dream or doze!  
**Am E7 Am E7**  
And he found liberation, which neither comes nor goes.  
**Chorus**

**(Alternate Am and E7)**

Why is that man all pale and sweaty? x 3  
 His Charioteer replied...  
 That's an SICK man all pale and sweaty x3 **G7**  
 And Buddha's eyes opened wide!.....He said:

**C** **F** **C**  
 Impermanence surrounds us, existence doesn't stay,  
**D7** **G**  
 The SICK ones of tomorrow are WELL enough today.  
**C** **F** **E7**  
 So he sat in meditation - he didn't dream or doze  
**Am** **E7** **Am E7**  
 And he found liberation which neither comes nor goes.

**Chorus**

**(Alternate Am and E7)**

*(Slowly)*

Why has that man got sheets around him? x3  
 His Charioteer replied...  
 That's a DEAD man with sheets around him x3 **G7**  
 And Buddha's eyes opened wide!.....He said:

**C** **F** **C**  
 Impermanence surrounds us, existence doesn't stay,  
**D7** **G**  
 The DEAD ones of tomorrow are LIVE enough today.  
**C** **F** **E7**  
 So he sat in meditation - he didn't dream or doze!  
**Am** **E7** **Am E7**  
 And he found liberation, which neither comes nor goes.

**Chorus**

**(Alternate Am and E7)**

Who is that man so calm and peaceful? x3  
 His Charioteer replied...  
 That's a HOLY man so calm and peaceful x3 **G7**  
 And Buddha's eyes opened wide!.....He said:

**C** **F** **C**

Impermanence surrounds us, existence doesn't stay,

THE BUDDHAS OF TOMORROW ARE JUST LIKE US TODAY

So he sat in meditation - he didn't dream or doze!

And he found liberation, which neither comes nor goes

## Breathing In

(From "Songs of the Sangha," Plum Village)

**C** **Am**  
Breathing in, breathing out  
**C** **Am**  
Breathing in, breathing out  
**Dm** **G**  
I am blooming as a flower.  
**Dm G C**  
I am fresh as the dew.  
**Em Am**  
I am solid as a mountain.  
**Dm G**  
I am firm as the earth.  
**C**  
I am free.

**C** **Am**  
Breathing in, breathing out  
**C** **Am**  
Breathing in, breathing out  
**Dm G**  
I am water reflecting  
**Dm G C**  
what is real, what is true  
**Em Am**  
and I feel there is space  
**Dm G**  
deep inside of me  
**C F C**  
I am free, I am free, I am free

# Dharma Rain

(from Songs for Awakening, lyrics from the Lotus Sutra)

## Capo 2

**A** **D**  
The Dharma rain falls everywhere / With a single flavor of liberation  
**A** **E** **A**  
Moist'ning every living being / And each one does grow.

**A** **D**  
The Dharma cloud rises high / The sound of thunder rings afar  
**A** **E** **E7**  
The cloud lowers and expands / You can almost touch it with your hands.

**A** **D**  
In the deep mountain where it rains / On the grapevine and the sugar cane  
**A** **E** **E7**  
Each according to its kind / Gets a chance to grow and shine.

**A** **D**  
The Buddha manifests in the world / Like that great cloud filled with rain.  
**A** **E** **E7**  
For the sake of living beings / He speaks of the reality of all things.

**A** **D**  
"I moisten all you dried out beings / So you can leave suffering,  
**A** **E** **E7**  
Gain peace and tranquility / You should all come listen to me."

**A** **D**  
The Dharma rain falls everywhere / With a single flavor of liberation  
**A** **E** **A**  
Moistening every living being / And each one does grow.

# Going on a Journey

(From Songs for Awakening)

**C**            **F**            **G**            **C**  
Going on a journey, going to the other shore.  
**F**            **G**            **C**  
What is it that all these years, I've been waiting for?  
**F**            **G**            **C**  
Though it seems I'm leaving you, I'll see you when I return  
**F**  
To share with you true wisdom's jewel  
**G**            **C**            **G** **G7**  
And all the things I've learned.

**C**            **F**            **G**            **C**  
I woke up this morning, my head against the glass  
**F**  
Thinking how time holds the fool,  
**G**            **F C**            **Am**  
who counts the minutes as they pass.  
**G** **Am**            **G**            **C**  
A voice whispered softly, "Do not put your trust, in love's lies  
**F**            **G**            **C** **G G7**  
Or dreams of glory, things which always turn to dust."

**C**            **F**            **G**            **C**  
Going on a journey, gonna walk a thousand miles  
**F**            **G**            **F** **C**  
Let my footsteps take me, beyond my tears, beyond my smiles.  
**F**            **G**            **C**  
Gently do I set aside, the things that have brought me pain.  
**F**            **G**            **C** **F G C**  
And though it seems I'm leaving you, I'll see you once again.

# Four Noble Truths

(from Dharma Moon)

## (Capo 2)

**G D7 G**  
I will sing you the four noble truths  
**D7**  
I will sing you the four noble truths  
**G G7**  
You're frightened, child, you say,  
**C G**  
Well, you're Buddha anyway  
**D7 G**  
That's the core of the four noble truths

**G D7 G**  
Everybody suffers just like you.  
**D7**  
Everybody suffers just like you  
**G G7**  
They suffer just like you.  
**C G**  
That's what sentient beings do  
**D7 G**  
Everybody suffers just like you

**G D7 G G**  
You suffer 'cause you grasp and crave  
**D7**  
You suffer 'cause you grasp and crave  
**G G7**  
You grasp and you crave.  
**C G**  
To desire you're a slave  
**D7 G**  
You suffer because you grasp and crave

**G D7 G**  
There's a way out of suffering for good

**G D7**  
There's a way out of suffering for good

**G G7**  
Out of suffering for good

**C G**  
Realize your Buddhahood

**D7 G**  
There's a way out of suffering for good

**G D7 G**  
The way is the eightfold path of peace

**G D7**  
The way is the eightfold path of peace

**G G7**  
With the eightfold path of peace

**C G**  
May all beings be at ease

**D7 G**  
the way is the eightfold path of peace

**G D7 G**  
Don't believe it 'cause you read it off a shelf

**D7**  
Don't believe it 'cause you read it off a shelf

**G G7**  
You can't get it off a shelf

**C G**  
You must test it for yourself

**D7 G**  
Don't believe it 'cause you read it off a shelf

**G D7 G**  
I will sing you the four noble truths

**D7**  
I will sing you the four noble truths

**G G7**

You're frightened, child, you say,

**C**                      **G**

Well, you're Buddha anyway

**D7**                      **G**

That's the core of the four noble truths

# Calling Out to Hungry Hearts

(The Hungry Ghost Song)

(By Krishna Das)

**(Capo 1)**

**Am F G Am**

Calling out to hungry hearts

**Am F G C**

Everywhere through endless time

**Am F G Am**

You who wander, you who thirst

**C G Am**

I offer you this bodhi mind

**C F Am G**

Calling out to hungry spirits

**C F Am G**

Everywhere through endless time

**C F Am G**

Calling out to hungry hearts

**C F Am G**

All the lost and the left behind

**C F G C**

Gather round and share this meal

**G Am**

Your joy and your sorrow, I make it mine

# Garden Song

(American Traditional)

**(Capo 2)**

**Chorus:**

**A D A D E A D**

Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow.

**E A E E7**

All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground.

**A D A D E A D**

Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless these seeds I sow.

**E A B7 E A**

Someone warm them from below till the rain comes tumbling down.

**A D A D E A D**

Pulling weeds, picking stones, we are made of dreams and bones.

**E A E E7**

I feel the need to grow my own, for the time is near at hand.

**A D A D E A D**

Grain for grain, sun and rain, find my way through nature's chain,

**E A B7 E A**

As I tune my body and my brain to the music of the land. **(Chorus)**

**A D A D**

Now make your rows straight and long,

**E A D**

Temper them with prayer and song.

**E A E E7**

Mother Earth will make you strong if you give her love and care.

**A D A D E A D**

See that crow watching hungrily, from his perch on yonder tree.

**E A B7 E A**

In my garden I'm as free as that feathered thief up there. **(Chorus)**

# Happiness Is Here and Now

(From the Plum Village songbook)

**C** **F**  
Happiness is here and now  
**C** **G**  
I have dropped my worries  
**F** **C**  
Nowhere to go, nothing to do  
**G C**  
No longer in a hurry.

**C** **F**  
Happiness is here and now  
**C** **G**  
I have dropped my worries  
**F** **C**  
Somewhere to go, something to do  
**G C**  
But I don't need to hurry.

# Happy Birthday, Buddha!

(From Dharma Moon)

**Dm Cmaj7 Dm Cmaj7 Dm Am Dm Am Dm**

Does a dog have Buddha -nature, Buddha-nature, Buddha-nature?

**Cmaj7 Dm Cmaj7 Dm Am Dm Am**

Does a dog have Buddha -nature, Buddha-nature, Buddha-nature?

[make dog sounds and motions]

**G Em**

Happy Birthday Buddha!

**G Em**

Happy Birthday Buddha!

**G Em**

Happy Birthday Buddha!

**Dm G C Am**

Buddha's birthday's always every day.

**Dm G C**

Buddha's birthday's always every day.

**Dm Am**

Even now

**Dm Am**

Even now...[be silent, then suddenly shout:]

## NOW!

(Then pick a new question. Does a tree have Buddha-nature?)

# Holy Day of Wesak

(Jodo Shinshu Songbook)

**D**

Buddha Lord we offer on thy birthday fair

**D7                    G            D            A            D**

Garlands of the brightest blossoms choice and rare.

**D**

Holy day of Wesak day of Buddha's birth

**D7                    G            D            A            D**

When the sun of wisdom shone upon the earth.

**D**

Incense too we offer on this festive day

**D7                    G            D            A            D**

For the things we cherish all must pass away.

**D**

Through this holy symbol we shall learn to see

**D7                    G            D            A            D**

Things of priceless value hid in transiency.

**D**

And the deep gong sounding bids us leave the self

**D7                    G            D            A            D**

And in Buddha's teaching find the truest wealth.

**D**

Lights upon the altar show to us the way

**D7                    G            D            A            D**

From the realms of darkness to Nirvana's day.

# In the Cave of the Heart

(From Bottom of the Ocean, lyrics based on the Dhammapada)

**C**            **B7**        **C**                            **Fm**  
The body is a fragile jar, of brittle dreams that seem so easily broken,  
**C**    **D7**    **G7**  
floating on a sea of words so easily spoken, you never stop them before they start.  
**C**    **B7**    **C**    **Fm**  
Like a lotus blooming in a muddy pond, or a bright moon shining from behind the  
**C**    **D7**    **G7**    **C**  
clouds, find a quiet place among the crowds, seated in the cave of the heart

*Chorus:*

**G#**    **D#**    **G#**    **D#**  
Seated in the cave of the heart find freedom, seated in the cave of the heart  
**G#**    **D#**    **A#**  
seated deep in the cave, in the cave of the heart, seated in the cave  
**D#**    **G#**    **D#**  
of the heart. Seated deep in the cave, in the cave of the heart,  
**A#**    **G7**  
seated in the cave of the heart

**C**            **B7**                            **C**    **Fm**  
Desire is a rushing stream of fantasies that seem so satisfying  
**C**    **D7**    **G7**  
Leading to a waterfall of fear and crying, what comes together must fall apart  
**C**    **B7**  
Like a white swan rising on the limitless air  
**C**    **Fm**  
Or a warrior charging on a motionless horse  
**C**    **D7**    **G7**    **C**  
Fly along on an invisible course, seated in the cave of the heart

*Chorus*

**C**            **B7**            **C**                            **Fm**  
Suffering is a spider's web, strands of death, old age and illness  
**C**    **D7**    **G7**  
It's difficult sometimes to search for stillness, to find the center without a chart  
**C**    **B7**                            **C**    **Fm**  
Like a jasmine letting all its flowers fall, release your hold on pain and violence  
**C**    **D7**    **G7**    **C**  
Like a weary traveler coming home to silence, seated in the cave of the heart

*Chorus*

# The Mandala Song

(Lyrics by KL & GT, describe the Five Wisdoms Energies, or Buddha Families;  
to the tune of Wheezer's "The Sweater Song")

## Capo 4

**G**            **C**        **D**            **C**        **G**  
Sometimes / I give / up when / it's too much  
                  **C**                    **D**            **C7**  
The world / seems cold / and out / of touch  
**G**        **C**                    **D**                    **C C7**  
If you want to wake up to Buddha  
**G**        **C**                    **D**                    **C C7**  
Pull this thread as you sit Zazen  
**G**        **C**        **D**        **C**  
Strive to open to spacious being  
**C7**            **G**                    **C**            **D**            **C C7**  
WHITE ENERGY! White energy in your mandala

**G**        **C**                    **D**                    **C**        **G**  
Full of / judgements / make sense / of this scene  
                  **C**                    **D**            **C7**  
Don't cha- / llenge me / 'cuz I / get mean  
**G**        **C**                    **D**                    **C C7**  
If you want to wake up to Vajra  
**G**        **C**                    **D**                    **C C7**  
Pull this thread as you sit Zazen  
**G**        **C**        **D**        **C**  
Strive to realize the mirror-wisdom  
**C7**            **G**                    **C**            **D**            **C C7**  
BLUE ENERGY! Blue energy in your mandala

**G**        **C**        **D**        **C**  
Always / filling / never / enough  
**G**        **C**        **D**        **C7**  
Hollow / trying / to get / more stuff

**G C D C C7**

If you want to wake up to Ratna

**G C D C C7**

Pull this thread as you sit Zazen

**G C D C**

Strive to accept this generous balance

**C7 G C D C C7**

YELLOW ENERGY! Yellow energy in your mandala

**G C D C**

Obsess / because / I'm all / alone

**G C D C**

Craving / feelings / like dog / with bone

**G C D C C7**

If you want to wake up to Padma

**G C D C C7**

Pull this thread as you sit Zazen

**G C D C**

Strive to invite joyous caring

**C7 G C D C C7**

RED ENERGY! Red energy in your mandala

**G C D C**

Get so / busy / staying / ahead

**G C D C**

Don't trust / my friends / life's a / tangled thread

**G C D C C7**

If you want to wake up to Karma

**G C D C C7**

Pull this thread as you sit Zazen

**G C D C**

Strive to work with vital freedom

**C7 G C D C C7**

GREEN ENERGY! Green energy in your mandala

**G C D C C7**

If you want to wake up to Suchness

**G**                    **C**                    **D**                    **C C7**

Weave these threads as you live your life

**G**            **C**            **D**            **C**

Strive to meet the colors before you

**C7**                    **G**                    **C**                    **D**                    **C C7 G**

RAINBOW ENERGY! Rainbow energy in your mandala

# Junk Mail

(Adapted from Dharma Moon)

**G7**

I'm too clumsy, I fall flat, wish I were an acrobat.

**C7**

**G7**

Too much this, not enough that, buy another brand new hat

**D7**

No one loves me but my cat.

*Chorus:*

**G**

Say! How did all this material mosey into my mental mailbox

**C7**

**G**

It's JUNK MAIL! Stick it in the garbage pail

**D7**

**G**

You don't have to hold it or unfold it, don't have to read it or repeat it,

**D7**

**G**

Don't have to swallow it or follow it, play the host, not the guest, come on

**D7**

baby just give it a rest. You know just because they found a clever way to put

**G**

your name on it, doesn't mean that it's for you.

**G7**

Work too hard don't work enough, belly too soft, beard too tough

**C7**

**G7**

Guys like me we have it rough, how come Joe has so much stuff

**D7**

I don't have to take your guff.

*Chorus*

**G7**

Folks like Sheila better than me, mom too strict, Dad too free

**C7**

**G7**

Guess I'll fail geometry, why won't they stop texting me?

**D7**

What will I grow up to be?

Chorus, then end with.... JUNK MAIL



**G7**      **C**                      **G**  
Now the third paramita is Kshanti

**G7**                                      **C**  
Without it your inferno will be worthy of Dante

**F**                                      **C**                      **A7**  
Like the sun which shines on the mountain every day

**D7**                                      **G**  
Just enjoy the shining 'til the mountain melts away

**G7**                                      **C**  
That's Kshanti paramita for sure (Chorus)

**G7**      **C**                      **G**  
Now the fourth paramita is Virya

**G7**                      **C**  
The exertion of a falling leaf can steer ya

**F**                                      **C**                      **A7**  
Every breath, every step that's taken

**D7**                      **G**  
Is an opportunity to awaken

**G7**                                      **C**  
That's Virya paramita for sure (Chorus)

**G7**      **C**                      **G**  
Now the fifth paramita is Dhyana

**G7**                                      **C**  
Face that wall and shout out "Hana!"

**F**                                      **C**                      **A7**  
Stick with your practice, keep your concentration tauter

**D7**                                      **G**  
And let those thoughts flow through you like water

**G7**                                      **C**  
That's Dhyana paramita for sure. (Chorus)

**G7**      **C**                      **G**  
Now the sixth paramita is Prajna  
          **G7**                                      **C**  
If you think you're wise, you're full of bologna  
      **F**                                      **C**      **A7**  
But when you experience "I DON'T KNOW"  
**D7**                                      **G**  
Then natural wisdom is everywhere you go....

(last verse end) ....BODHI SVAHA!

# Nobody Else Will Do

(Unknown, Sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)

**E**                      **A**      **E**  
Sometimes I try so hard to be

**B7**

What others think I should.

**E**                      **A**      **E**  
Then I lose track of who I am,

**B7**      **E**

Then I don't feel so good.

**E**                      **A**      **E**  
Whoever you are, be that my friend,

**B7**

Whatever you say, be true.

**E**                      **A**              **E**  
Straightforwardly act; be honest in fact.

**B7**      **E**

Be nobody else but you.

**E**      **B7**      **E**                      **??**  
Nobody else will do.

# Rolling Tide

(to the tune of Riptide, based on the Enmei Jukku Kannon Gyo)

Intro: **Am G C x2**

**Am G C**  
I was scared of being by myself,  
**Am G C**  
I was scared of feeling small and making big decisions.  
**Am G C**  
Wild thoughts were running 'round my head,  
**Am G C**  
I was hanging on by a thread.  
**Am G C Am G C**  
Ooo... ooo... ooo... Ooo...ooo...and I came unstuck

Chorus: **Am G C Am**  
Eternal, joyous, selfless and pure, that is our true nature,  
**G C Am G C**  
of that you can be sure. This buddha, receiving only compassion,  
**Am G C**  
Giving only compassion, Buddha, Dharma and Sangha.

**Am G C Am G**  
Like reaching for a pillow in the night, The feeling hand responds before  
**C Am G C**  
the thinking mind has time to think it. The universal gateway's open wide,  
**Am G C**  
Kanzeon is hearing all our cries.  
**Am G C Am G C**  
Ooo... ooo... ooo... Ooo...ooo...and I came unstuck

Chorus

Bridge:

**Am** **G** **C** **Fmaj7**  
In the morning, in the morning remember, In the evening, don't you forget.

**Am** **G**  
Moment after, moment after, moment,

**C** **Fmaj7**  
True mind awakens to everything.

Chorus

# The Six Realms

(To the tune of *Folsom Prison Blues* by Johnny Cash)

**C**

Well I'd like to teach you something 'bout what the Buddha said

**C7**

About the realms of being for all things live and dead

**F**

**C**

This is a simple song 'bout the Six Buddhist worlds

**G**

**C**

So sit right down and listen, and let this tale unfurl.

Down in the bowels of fire the demons rule and reign  
And torture suffering beings bad karma can be blamed  
The hell realm ain't so pretty this we know for sure  
The first realm's hot and humid and hard to endure

Next are the hungry ghosts with stomachs all swole up  
Their throats 're sorely tiny which likely drive them nuts  
They wander a-round seeking pleasures that ne-ver last  
The second realm's 'bout longing caught in desires grasp

Then we got the kitties the snakes and fluffy dogs  
They're cute and furry and cuddly but ruled by jungle laws  
They don't know good and evil they just try to survive  
The third realm is for animals that follow primal drives

Then we got the human just like you and me  
And they can soon awaken to equanimity  
But they have to work at making the magic circle close  
The fourth realm's made of humans that's where we live and grow.

Next there's the asura the mighty fighting gods  
Who fly about all pompous like very noble frauds  
They're good but they are jealous seeking mostly power  
The fifth realm's for the titans who always yell and glower

The next realm seems like heaven it's full of awesome stuff  
Like Xboxes and I-phones and clouds all made of fluff

Here beings live a long time but still they age and die  
The sixth realm is for devas who live up in the sky

Well life just keeps on spinning right through these six old realms  
Until you realize enlightenment and walk out of your cell  
That's why we sit so often cause that's what buddha's do  
And I'm just a sittin' buddha and you are one too.

# Small Doin's

(From Bottom of the Ocean)

Intro: **C C7 F F6 Dm G7**

Chorus:

**C C7 F F6**

Small Doin's, great bein'

**C A7 D7 G7**

Great Bein', tiny things

**C C7 F F6**

Small Doin's, marvelous moment

**C F C F C**

Maha Prajna Paramita

**C C7 F F6**

Chop Wood, fetch water

**C A7 D7 G7**

Hug son, kiss daughter

**C C7 F F6**

Tie shoe, tie two

**Dm G7**

Do what's right in front of you

Chorus

**C C7 F F6**

Close door, dry dish

**C A7 D7 G7**

Scrub floor, feed fish

**C C7 F F6**

Wash hair, if there

**Dm G7**

Buddha mind is everywhere

Chorus

**C C7 F F6**

Wet rag, push broom

**C A7 D7 G7**

Change bag, vacuum

**C C7 F F6**

Wipe feet, wipe seat

**Dm G7**

You are perfect and complete

Chorus

**C C7 F F6**

Fill pot, heat up

**C A7 D7 G7**

When hot, fill cup

**C C7 F F6**

Sip tea, slowly

**Dm G7**

Mindfulness will set you free

Chorus

## Songs in Rounds

### **All Beings, One Body**

(Nat Needle)

If all beings have one body, then we can't leave anyone out.  
Can't do without anybody, no we can't leave anyone out.  
Never me, never you, no we can't leave anyone out.  
Never me, never you, no we can't leave anyone out.

### **Dear Friends**

(Plum Village Songbook)

Dear friends, dear friends  
Let me show you how how I feel:  
You have given me such treasures,  
I love you so.  
Love, joy, inner peace  
Like a Sunday morning breeze.  
Oh my dear you are so welcome,  
Love give you ease

### **Row Your Boat**

Row, row, row your boat  
To the other shore,  
Buddha power is our guide  
We need no other oar.

### **The Four Noble Truths**

(To the tune of Frere Jacques)

Suffering, suffering, suffering, suffering,  
Desire and wrath, desire and wrath,  
There's a way to end it, there's a way to end it,  
Eight-fold path, eight-fold path.

# This Little Light of Mine

(American Traditional)

**G**  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

**C** **G**  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

**B7** **Em**  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

**G** **D** **G**  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**G**  
My brothers and my sisters, I'm gonna help them shine,

**C** **G**  
My brothers and my sisters, I'm gonna help them shine,

**B7** **Em**  
My brothers and my sisters, I'm gonna help them shine,

**G** **D** **G**  
Help them shine, help them shine, help them shine.

**G**  
This little love of ours, I'm gonna let it shine,

**C** **G**  
This little love of ours, I'm gonna let it shine,

**B7** **Em**  
This little love of ours, I'm gonna let it shine,

**G** **D** **G**  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**G**  
This big world of ours, I'm gonna help it shine,

**C** **G**  
This big world of ours, I'm gonna help it shine,

**B7** **Em**  
This big world of ours, I'm gonna help it shine,

**G** **D** **G**  
Help it shine, help it shine, help it shine.

**Repeat first verse!**

# Under the Bodhi Tree

(From Dharma Moon)

**C**

There's ol' Buddha,

**F C**

Sittin' under that bodhi tree

There's ol' Buddha,

**F C**

Mind as quiet as it can be

**F C**

Sittin' like a wise old frog, (*frog*),

**F C**

Sittin' like a lump on a log, (*log*)

**F C**

Sittin' with a smile on his face, (*face*),

**F C**

Sittin' like empty space, ( ),

**F C**

Doesn't mind rain,

**F C**

doesn't mind thunder

**G7 C**

What could bother old Buddha

**G7**

I wonder?

**F C**

He wasn't bothered by ( ), He wasn't bothered by ( )

**G7 C C7**

He let old ( ), just float on by

**F C**

He wasn't bothered by ( ), He wasn't bothered by ( )

**G7 C G C**

He let old ( ), just float on by

# And When I Rise

(Words: Wendell Berry, Music: Seth Martin)

And when I rise, let me rise,

Like a bird, joyfully.

When I resist, I will resist,

Like the sea, relentlessly.

And when I fall, let me fall,

Like a leaf, gracefully.

And when I speak, I will speak,

like the wind, loud and free.

When I stand, let me stand,

Like a tree, strong and tall.

And when I lie, let me lie,

Like a lake, reflecting all.

# Chant of Compassion

(Melody taken from Plum Village)

Namo'valokiteshvaraya (*repeat nine times*)

# Sit up Straight

(Adapted from Dogen's Fukanzazengi,  
and Bill Withers' Lean On Me by GT & KL)

**(optional capo 1)**

**C**                    **F**                    **C**                    **G**  
Sometimes in our lives we all have pain we all have sorrow  
**C**                    **F**                    **C**                    **G C**  
But, The Buddha Way our ancestors past, gave us to follow

Chorus:

**C**                    **F**                    **C**  
Sit up straight, inhale exhale, drop body and mind  
**G C**                    **F**  
Empty your pail, and, you cannot fail  
**C**                    **G C**  
Cuz you're gonna have Samadhi to lean on

**C**                    **F**                    **C**                    **G**  
Please, sit yourself down, don't lean front or back, or tilt side to side  
**C**                    **F**                    **C**                    **G C**  
For, you cannot fill, your gut with air, if your posture slumps

Chorus

**C**                    **F**                    **C**                    **G**  
Let deliberate thought pass away, stop comparing mind  
**C**                    **F**                    **C**                    **G C**  
Sit, for all beings sake, still and awake, the essential art

Chorus

**C**                    **F**                    **C**  
Jump beyond light and darkness leave behind joy and hurt  
**G C**  
We all need samadhi to lean on so just don't doubt the dragon  
**F**                    **C**  
Keep your own mind alert  
**C**                    **G C**  
We all need samadhi to lean on

Chorus

# Peace Like a River

(American Traditional)

## Capo 2

**C** **C7** **F** **C**  
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,

**C** **G** **G7**  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

**C** **C7** **F** **C**  
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,

**G** **C**  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

**C** **C7** **F** **C**  
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,

**C** **G** **G7**  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

**C** **C7** **F** **C**  
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,

**G** **C**  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

**C** **C7** **F** **C**  
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,

**C** **G** **G7**  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

**C** **C7** **F** **C**  
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,

**G** **C**  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

**C** **C7** **F** **C**  
I've got peace like a river, I've got love like and ocean,

**C** **G** **G7**  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

**C** **C7** **F** **C**  
I've got peace like a river, I've got love like and ocean,

**G** **C**  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

# Let Go

(Words from Genjokoan, by Zen Master Dogen,  
adapted to music in Dharma Moon)

**Chords simply alternate between C and G7**

**G7 C**

To..... study Buddhism is to study the self,

**G7**

to study the self,

**C**

to study the self!

To study Buddhism is to study the self

**G7**

**C**

**G7**

**C**

Let go, Let go..Let go.

To study the self is to forget the self,

to forget the self,

to forget the self!

To study the self is to forget the self

Let go,.....(repeat 11 times)

To forget the self is to abandon body and mind,

to abandon body and mind,

to abandon body and mind!

To forget the self is to abandon body and mind

Let go .....(repeat 11 times)

To abandon body and mind is to be enlightened by all things,

to be enlightened by all things,

to be enlightened by all things!

To abandon body and mind is to be enlightened by all things

Let go .....(repeat 11 times)

To be enlightened by all things is [clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap]

[clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap]

[clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap]

To be enlightened by all things is [clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap]

Let go .....(repeat 11 times)

# I Have Arrived

(From the Plum Village songbook)

**D** **A**  
I have arrived, I am home  
**D** **A** **D**  
In the here, and in the now

**D** **A**  
I have arrived, I am home  
**D** **A** **D**  
In the here, and in the now

**G** **A**  
I am solid, I am free  
**Bm** **A**  
I am solid, I am free

**D A** **Bm**  
In the ultimate, I dwell  
**D A** **D**  
In the ultimate, I dwell

# Magic Circle

(Songs for Awakening)

(Capo 1)

**C** **F G C**  
When heaven gains the One, it's clear and clean

**Am** **F G**  
When Earth gains the One, she's so serene.

**C** **Am G**  
When people gain the One, they're truly free.

**C** **F G C**  
When all things gain the One, they come into being.

**C** **F G C**  
The Way gave rise to one and the One gave rise to two.

**Am** **F G**  
Two gave rise to three and all things came to be.

**C** **Am G**  
If all of heaven's mysteries, you would like to know

**C** **F G C**  
First you have to learn how to make the magic circle close.

**C** **F G C**  
Return the many to the One, the rivers to the sea

**Am** **F G**  
Then you turn the One around until it's round as it can be.

**C** **Am G**  
When there is no obstacle there can be no fear

**C** **F G C**  
So sit inside your magic circle now and disappear.

# Vespers

*Chant leader alone:*

## **The Litany of the Great Compassionate One**

*Chant leader alone:*

Adoration of the Triple Treasure!

*All together:*

Adoration to Kanzeon who is the great compassionate one!

Om to the one who leaps beyond all fear,  
Having adored thee,  
may I enter into the heart of the noble adored Kanzeon.

Thy life is the completion of meaning;  
It is pure, it is that which makes all beings victorious  
and cleanses the path of all existence.

Om, O thou seer, World-transcending one!  
O hail to the Great Bodhisattva!

All, all is defilement, defilement, earth, earth.  
Do, do the work within my heart.

O great Victor I hold on, hold on!  
To Indra the Creator I cry!

Move, move my defilement, free one!  
Come, come, hear, hear, a joy springs up in me!

Speak! Speak! Give me direction!  
Awakened! Awakened! I have awakened!

O merciful One, compassionate One,  
Of daring ones the most joyous, hail!

Thou art all successful, hail!  
Thou art the great successful One, hail!

Thou hast attained mastery in the discipline, hail!  
Thou hast a weapon within Thine hand, hail!

Thou hast the Wheel within Thine hand, hail!  
Thou Who hast the lotus, hail!

Hail to Thee Who art the root of eternity!  
Hail to Thee Who art all compassion! Hail!

Adoration to the Triple Treasure! Hail!  
Give ear unto this my prayer, hail!

*Chant leader alone:*

### **Hymn to Fudo**

*All together:*

Hail to the Mandala!  
Let us so be engulfed within its praises evermore that  
by our own wills and vigilance,  
may we our fetters cut away.

May we within the temple of our own hearts dwell,  
amidst the myriad mountains!  
Hail! Hail! Hail!

*Chant leader alone:*

### **Hymn to Daikoku**

*All together:*

Let us be engulfed within the Mandala of the children of Buddha! Hail!  
The Arrow of Emptiness. Hail!

*Chant leader alone:*

### **Hymn to the Cosmic Buddha**

*All together:*

Hail! The beneficent mystic truth, the treasure. Hail!

*Chant leader alone:*

**The Golden Bell that Rings but Once**

*All together:*

Peace upon the pillow!

Makura om. Makura om. Makura om.