SHABBAT SONGBOOK

Edited by Cantor Carol Chesler
A. Shabbat LaBamba

[chorus:]
Shabbat, Shabbat } 3x
We’re gonna light the candles,
Light the candles } 5x [chorus]
We’re gonna drink the wine,
Drink the wine } 5x [chorus]
We’re gonna eat the challah,
Eat the challah } 5x [chorus]

B. Good Shabbos to You

[chorus:]
Good Shabbos, Shabbos to you
Good Shabbos, Shabbos to you and you } 2x
Good Shabbos, Shabbos to you
Every Friday sun goes down
All the people gather round
You can hear that joyous sound
Good Shabbos to you! [chorus]

Shabbos candles we will light
Kiddush wine tastes oh so right
Braided challah what a sight
Good Shabbos to you! [chorus]

We will celebrate the day
Sabbath prayers for us to say
We will rest and we will play
Good Shabbos to you! [chorus]

C. I Was On My Way to Shul One Day

(To the tune of “100 Bottles of Beer on the Wall”) I was on my way to shul one day, and not far from home,
On my way I met a [name of an animal], and I said “Shabbat Shalom.”
I said “Shabbat Shalom,” } 2x
On my way I met a [name of an animal], and I said “Shabbat Shalom.”

D. Bring the Sabbath Home

Light the candles circling hands
Bring the Sabbath home
Offer blessings to God
And sing Shabbat Shalom
[chorus:] Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat Shalom

Pour the wine and raise your cup
Bring the Sabbath home
Offer blessings to God
And sing Shabbat Shalom
[chorus:] Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat Shalom

Golden challah, braided and brown
Bring the Sabbath home
Offer blessings to God
And sing Shabbat Shalom
[chorus:] Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat Shalom

Friends and family, gather ‘round
Bring the Sabbath home
Offer blessings to God
And sing Shabbat Shalom
[chorus:] Shabbat Shalom, Shabbat Shalom

E. Challah Days

[chorus:]
Challah days tra, la, la, la, la
Are happy days tra, la, la, la, la
Challah days tra, la, la, la, la
I wait all week for Shabbat to come along
We bake the challah and we sing this song
I’ve got that challah dough in my fist
I jump right up and do the challah twist!
1. Bim Bom/Shabbat Shalom

(a) Bim Bom Bim Bom Bim Bom Bom
Bim Bim Bim Bom Bim Bim Bom

(b) Shabbat Shalom, Hey! Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat,
Shabbat Shalom!
Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat
Shabbat Shalom

2. Mah Yafeh Hayom

Mah yafeh hayom
Shabbat Shalom
Shabbat, Shabbat Shalom
Shabbat Shalom

3. Yom Zeh L’Yisrael

This is a day for Yis-ra-el
Ora v’simcha
This is a day for Yis-ra-el
Shabbat menucha
Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat menucha

Yom zeh l’Yisrael
Ora v’simcha
Yom zeh l’Yisrael
Shabbat menucha

4. Yom Rishon Avodah

Yom rishon, avodah
Yom sheni, avodah
Yom sh’lishi, avodah...
avodah.
Yom r’vi-i, avodah
Yom chamishi, avodah
Yom shishi, avodah...
avodah.
Yom Shabbat, menucha
Menucha

5. Hayom Yom Shishi

Hayom yom shishi
Machar Shabbat
Shabbat kodesh

6. L’cha Dodi/Shabbat Shalom

L’cha dodi likrat kala
P’nei Shabbat n’ka-b’la
Shabbat Shalom
Shabbat Shalom U-m’vorach
7. Our Sabbath Table

Our Sabbath table is like a princess,
Like a princess dressed in white.
She wears a crown of jeweled candles
Jeweled candles sparkling bright.
Oh, welcome, welcome
Sabbath princess, Sabbath princess
On Friday night.

8. I Baked a Little Challah
(to the tune of "I have a little dreidl")

I baked a little challah, I baked it by myself,
I put it in the oven, I put it on the shelf.
Now, listen, little challah,
Now don't you run away,
I need for Shabbat, I need you here to stay!

Oh ----
Goody, Goody, Goody, Goody
Good Shabbat } 3x
Goody, Goody, Goody, Goody
Good Shabbat } 2x

9. Challah for Shabbat
(to the tune of "Peanut—Peanutbutter & Jelly") [Snap fingers to create a beat!]

(a) First you take the dough, 
And you knead it, you knead it. } 2x

[Chorus:
Challah on Shabbat, 
IT'S DELICIOUS! } 2x

(b) Then you take the dough, 
And you braid it, you braid it. } 2x

[Chorus]

(c) Then you take the dough, 
And you bake it, you bake it. } 2x

10. Stir the Soup

Stir the Soup and make it hot!
Put a [chicken] in the pot,
Make it ready for Shabbat,
For Shabbat.

(Substitute other ingredients in the brackets, for example: carrots, celery, onions, matzah balls, etc.)

11. Shabbat Day of Rest

Shabbat, Shabbat, day of rest 
Holy, Holy Shabbat } 2x

Neirot, challot, yayin l'Kiddush } 2x
All this, yes all of this is for Shabbat

Shabbat, Shabbat, Yom menucha
Shabbat, Shabbat Kodesh

Neirot, challot, yayin l'Kiddush } 2x
Ha-kol, ha-kol, ha-kol Iichvod Shabbat.

(d) Then you take the challah, 
And you bless it, you bless it. } 2x

[Chorus]

(e) Then you take the challah,
And you eat it, you eat it. } 2x

[Chorus]
12. Mother’s Going Marketing
Mother’s going marketing,
She’s getting ready for Shabbat!
She’ll come back from marketing
With all she needs for Shabbat. **WHAT?**

Chicken, challah, fish and fruit
To eat on Shabbat,
Kiddish wine and tall white candles
To light on Shabbat.
Tonight is Shabbat. **2x**

[Use different people in place of “Mother.”
For example, “Father’s going marketing...”]

13. The Friday Sun is Setting/L’cha Dodi
(to the tune of “She’ll be comin’ round the mountain”)

L’cha dodi likrat kala,  }
P’nei Shabbat n’ka-b’la.  }
Bo-i chalah. 2x

The Friday sun is setting when she comes.
We’ll light the Shabbat candles when she comes.
We’ll all say “Good Shabbas” when she comes.
We’ll share a bit of challah when she comes.
We’ll sing and dance the hora when she comes.

14. There Are 7 Days in a Week
(to the tune of “Oh, My Darling Clementine”)

There are 7 days **3x**
In a week: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Shabbat!

15. Challah in the Oven
(a) Challah in the oven,  }
Gonna watch it rise, 3x
Right before my very eyes.

(b) When it gets ready,  }
Clap, jump, and shout, 3x
Roll the dough, and turn it out.

(c) Gonna clap my hands  }
And tap my feet. **3x**
Challah is a Shabbat treat!

16. There’s a Dinosaur

There’s a dinosaur
Knocking at my door,
Knocking 1 - 2 - 3
Oh, there’s a dinosaur,
Knocking at my door,
And he’s come to spend Shabbat
With me!

First we’ll light the candles,
Then we’ll bless the wine,
Then we’ll bless the challah,
And well all sit down to dine!

17. Shabbat Shalom to You

Shabbat Shalom **3x**
To you!

Shabbat (clap twice)  }
Shalom (clap twice) **3x**
Shabbat Shalom to you!
18. On Shabbat, Shabbat...Menucha

[chorus:]
On Shabbat,
Shabbat } 7x
Menucha, Menucha
Shabbat Menucha

First we light the
Shabbat candles } 3x
First we light the Shabbat candles,
Watch them shine they look so fine!

[chorus]

Then we taste the
Kiddush wine } 3x
Then we taste the Kiddush wine,
Tastes so fine, fruit of the vine!

[chorus]

Then we eat the
Shabbat challah } 3x
Then we eat the Shabbat challah,
Tastes just right, it’s Friday night!

[chorus]

19. Shabbat, Shabbat Shalom

(a) I’ll light the candles, the neirot,
L’hadlik neir shel Shabbat,
And I’ll watch them shine on my whole family,
Shabbat, Shabbat Shalom.

(b) I’ll say the kiddush for the wine,
Borei P’ri ha-ga-fen,
And I’ll share the kos with my whole family,
Shabbat, Shabbat Shalom.

20. Shabbat Shalom

[chorus:]
Shabbat Shalom } 2x (with 2 claps)
Shabbat, Shabbat Shalom
Shabbat (2 claps)
Shalom (2 claps)
Every Friday night!

(a) We light the candles } 2x
We light the Shabbat candles

[chorus]

(b) We drink the wine } 2x
We drink the Kiddush wine.

[chorus]

We eat the challah } 2x
We eat the braided challah.

[chorus]

(c) I’ll taste the challah, it’s the best
Ha-motzi lechem min ha-aretz,
And I’ll eat the meal with my whole
Family, Shabbat, Shabbat, Shalom.

(d) Shabbat, Shabbat Menucha
Shabbat with the whole Mishpacha!
It’s so nice to have my family with
Me, Shabbat, Shabbat, Shalom.
21. I’ve Got a Shabbat Feeling!

I’ve got a Shabbat feeling
Down in my toes } 3x
I’ve got a Shabbat feeling
Down in my toes,
And it feels so good!

I’ve got a Shabbat feeling
Up in my fingers. . .

I’ve got a Shabbat feeling
Down in my belly. . .

I’ve got a Shabbat feeling
Up in my head. . .

I’ve got a Shabbat feeling
Deep in my heart. . .

22. Shabbat is Here!

Shabbat is here } 2x
I’m so glad that Shabbat is here.
Candles burning bright, it’s Friday night.
I’m so glad that Shabbat is here.

Shabbat Shalom to Abba (dad)
Shabbat Shalom to Eema (mom)
Shabbat Shalom to our Mishpacha (family)
Shabbat Shalom to everyone!

(Substitute children’s names for “Abba”
and “Eema.”)

23. Circle Song
(to the tune of “The Old Brass Wagon”)

Circle to the right, Shabbat is coming } 3x
Shabbat is coming!

[Additional verses: Circle to the left. . .,
Everybody in. . ., Clap your hands. . .Have a seat.]

24. Listen and Do

[chorus:]
Listen and do } 2x
Can you listen and do? } 2x

Can you flicker like a candle? } 3x
And STOP! (freeze)

[chorus]

Can you sip your Kiddush wine? . . .

[chorus]

Can you twist like a challah? . . .

[chorus]

Can you take a nice walk? . . .

[chorus]

Can you take a little nap? . . .

25. Ya’acov
(to the tune of “Aikendrum”)

[chorus:]
There was a man from Yisrael } 3x
There was a man from Yisrael,
And his name was Ya’acov.

His hair was made of Challah } 3x
His hair was made of challah,
And his name was Ya’acov.

His eyes were made of bagels. . .
His nose was made of a matza ball. . .
His mouth was made of a kosher dill.
His beard was made of herring. . .
His ears were made of Hamantash. . .
26. On Friday Night, I’d Say Shabbat Shalom to You

(a) If I lived over in Paris, France,
   The place where the “Can-can” is a dance,
   To welcome you, I’d say Bonjour,
   But on Friday night, I’d say Shalom, Shabbat Shalom to you,
   Yes, on Friday night, I’d say Shalom, Shabbat Shalom to you!

(b) If I lived over in London town,
   The place where the King and Queen sit down,
   To welcome you, I’d say Hello,
   But on Friday night, I’d say Shalom . . .

(c) If I lived over in sunny Spain,
   The place where the bullfight is a game,
   To welcome you, I’d say Buenos Dias,
   But on Friday night, I’d say Shalom . . .

(d) If I lived over in Tokyo,
   The place where they wear a Kimono,
   To welcome you, I’d say Konichiwah,
   But on Friday night, I’d say Shalom . . .

(e) [sing this verse while bouncing your pointer
    finger between your lips]
   If I lived on the planet, Mars,
   The place that’s way out in the stars,
   To welcome you what would I say?
   Buenos Dias, Bonjour, or Hello,
   I must say, I really don’t know!
   But on Friday night, I’d say Shalom . . .

27. It’s Shabbat and I Feel Good!

AAAHHHHH!!!
I’m gonna clap my hands (3 claps) } 2x
I’m gonna clap my hands, I know I should,
‘Cause it’s Shabbat, and I feel good!

I’m gonna stomp my feet . . .
I’m gonna jump for joy . . .
I’m gonna wiggle my hips . . .
I’m gonna sing my song . . .

28. Twinkle, Twinkle
(to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, little star”)

Twinkle, twinkle, Kochavim,
High up in the Shamayim.
When you say Shema at night,
Everything will be alright.
Twinkle, twinkle, Kochavim,
High up in the Shamayim.

29. Shema Lullaby

Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu
Adonai Echad. } 2x
May God bless you and keep you
May God watch over you.
May God always be inside of your
Heart, May peace be always with
You.

30. Erev Shabbat

Friday and the week is over,
Yom Shabbat is here.
Time to share with family, the things
We hold so dear,
Like a queen you come away,
Bringing us this special day,
Time to rest, time to sing, time to pray.
31. Let’s Set the Table for Shabbat

[chorus]
Let’s set the table for Shabbat, } 2x
What (else) do you think we’ll need } 2x

Oh, we’ll need candles, candles, candles } 2x
For Shabbat. } 2x

And mommy will bless them oh so beautifully } 2x
She’ll welcome Shabbat to our home. } 2x

[chorus]
Oh, we’ll need wine, wine, wine for Shabbat } 2x
We’ll need wine, wine for Shabbat. } 2x

And Daddy will say Kiddush oh so beautifully, } 2x
He will thank God for fruit of the vine. } 2x

[chorus]
Oh, we’ll need challah, challah, challah for Shabbat } 2x
We’ll need challah, challah for Shabbat.
And we’ll say the motzi oh so beautifully, } 2x
We will thank God for bread from the earth. } 2x

[chorus]
Oh, we’ve set the table for Shabbat, now we know what we need } 2x
We’ve set the table for Shabbat, and we’re hungry, yes indeed!

32. In My House

In my house are some Shabbat candles } 3x
Shabbat candles,
Come along } 3x
Shabbat is FUN!!

In my house is a Kiddush cup...
In my house is some yummy challah...
(add another item each verse: challah cover, pretty flowers, chicken soup, lovely table,
Shabbat prayer book, a yummy dinner, etc.)