Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam a-sher
ki-d’sha-nu b’mitz-vo-tav v’tzi-va-nu
l’had-lik ner shel Chanukah.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You hallow us with Your Mitzvot, and command us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-a-sa ni-sim
la-a-vo-tei-nu/l’i-mo-tei-nu
ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-z’man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You showed wonders to our fathers/mothers in days of old, at this season.

ON THE FIRST NIGHT ONLY

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu
me-lech ha-o-lam, she-hecheyanu,
v’ki-y’manu, v’higi-anu
la-z’man hazeh.

We praise You, Eternal One, Sovereign God of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.
**1 - Oh Hanukkah**

1. Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah, come light the menorah. Let's have a party, we'll all dance the hora. Gather round the table, we'll give you a treat, sevivon to play with, and levivot to eat.

And while we are playing, the candles are burning low.

One for each night, they shed their sweet light, to remind us of days long ago. (repeat 2x)

2. O Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah, a festival of joy A holiday, a jolly day, for every girl and boy Spin the whirling dreidel all week long. Tell the age-old story, sing a happy song.

And nightly, so brightly, the candles of Hanukkah glow.

Shining with glory, retelling the story of wonders of long, long ago. (repeat 2x)

**2 - The Dinosaur Hanukkah Song**

There’s a dinosaur knocking at my door, knocking, 1, 2, 3. There is a dinosaur knocking at my door, and he wants to have Hanukkah with me.

He likes Shabbat, but that's not all, on Hanukkah, he has a ball. He lights the candles, for eight straight nights. And when he opens presents, it's quite a sight.

(Chorus)

He plays with his dreydel, it's his favorite game. He tells his friends, that gimmel, is his middle name. He eats too much gelt, it makes his stomach hurt. And after a latke dinner, there is no room for dessert.

(Chorus)
3-Hanukkah

Hanukkah, Hanukkah, chag ya-feh kol kach,
Or cha-veev, m’-sa-viv, gil l’-ye-led rach.
Hanukkah, Hanukkah, s’-vi-von sov, sov.

Sov, sov, sov, sov, sov, sov, ma na-im va-tov

Hanukkah, Hanukkah, ein cha-lon bli eish
L’ vi-vot, mig-da-not, b’chol ba-yit yesh.
Hanukkah, Hanukkah, chag cha-viv m’od.

Shi-ru na, zam-ru na, u’ tz’ u lir-kod

Hanukkah is a joyous holiday. Dreidels spin ‘round,
candles burned. Oh, let us sing and dance.

4- Maoz Tzur (Rock of Ages)

1. Rock of ages, let our song praise your saving power;
you, amid the raging foes, were our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us, but Your arm availed us.

And Your word, broke their sword, when our own strength failed us. (repeat 2x)

2. Ma-oz tsur ye-shu-a-ti, le-cha na-eh le-sha-bei-ach;
Ti-kon beit t’-fi-la-ti, ve-sham to-da n’-za-bei-ach.
L’-eit- tash-bit mat-bei-ach, v’-tsar ham-na-bei-ach,

Az eg-mor, be-shir miz-mor, Ha-nuk-kat ha-miz-bei-ach. (repeat 2x)

3. Children of the Maccabbee’s, whether free or fettered;
wake the echoes of our songs, where you may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering, that the time is nearing;

Which will see, all go free, tyrants disappearing. (repeat 2x)

4. Kindling new the holy lamps, Priests approved in suffering,
Purified the nation’s shrines, bought to You their offering.
And Your courts surrounding, hear in joy abounding,

Happy throngs, singing songs, with a mighty sounding (repeat 2x)
5- Yo-dle-lay doe po-ta-to
I like to eat po-ta-to latkes; I like to eat them all day.
And when I eat potato latkes, this is what I say.

Yo-dle-lay doe po-ta-to,
Yo-dle-lay doe po-ta-to,
Yo-dle-lay doe po-ta-to, latkes for me.
Yo-dle-lay doe po-ta-to,
Yo-dle-lay doe po-ta-to,
Yo-dle-lay, Yo-dle-lay po-ta-to.

Other verses:
I like to eat them with applesauce; I like to eat them all day....... (Chorus)

I like to eat them with sour cream; I like to eat them all day....... (Chorus)

I like to eat them at Temple Beth Or; I like to eat them all day...... (Chorus)

6- Not by Might-Not Buy Power
Not by might and not by power, by Spirit alone, shall we all live in peace. (2x)

Clap clap clap / clap clap clap / clap - clap - clap (2x)

The children sing, the children dream;
and their tears may fall, but you'll hear them call and

another song will rise (3x)

Not by might, not by power, shalom!

7- S’vivon
S’ – vi – von sov sov sov
Ha – nuk – ka hu chang tov

Ha – nuk – ka hu chang tov
S’ – vi – von sov sov sov

Hag sim – cha hu la – am
Nes ga – dol ha – ya sham

Spin, spin, little dreidl on this joyous holiday of Hanukkah
Spin for the great miracle of long ago
**8- The Dreydel Song**

I have a little dreidel, I made it out of clay;  
and when it's dry and ready, then dreidel I shall play.  
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made it out of clay;  
and when it's dry and ready, then dreidel I shall play.

My dreidel’s always playful, it loves to dance and spin;  
a happy game of dreidel, come play now let's begin.  
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, it loves to dance and spin;  
a happy game of dreidel, come play, now let's begin.

It has a lovely body, with leg so short and thin;  
and when it is all tired, it drops and then I win.  
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, with leg so short and thin;  
and when it is all tired, it drops and then I win.  
(Alternate ending)  
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, with leg so short and thin;  
I hope it lands on Gimmel 'cause when it does I win!
9- **Spin, Spin Sevivon** (dreidel)

spin spin - spin spin - spin spin sevivon;
from Jerusalem to Givon.
Spin to Beth El;
and from there to Jezreel.
Spin away, spin away;
greet the happy holiday.
Spin, spin sevivon;
hurry, scurry to Givon.

Spin spin - spin spin - spin spin sevivon;
from Jerusalem to Givon.
Join the Hanukkah ring;
Now’s the time to dance and sing.
They found oil for the lights;
and it burned eight wondrous nights.
That’s the story you tell;
sevivon we know it well.

10 – **Who Can Retell**

Mi y’ma leil g’vu-rot Yis-ra-eil
o-tan-mi yim neh?
Hein b’chol dor ya-kum ha-gi-bor
Go-eil ha-am.

Sh’ma! Ba-ya-min ha-heim ba-z’ man ha zeh
Ma-ka-bi mo-shi-a u-fo-deh,
U-v’ ya-mei-nu kol am Yis-ra-eil
Yit-a-cheid ya-kum l’hi-ga-eil.

who can retell the things that befell us?
who can count them?
In every age a hero or sage
came to our aid.

Hark, in ancient Israel in days of yore;
Maccabees, the Temple did restore.
And now today our people as we dreamed;
will arise, unite and be redeemed.

(Alternate version)

*Hark, In days of yore, in Israel’s ancient land,*
*Brave Maccabeus led his faithful band,*
*And now all Israel must as one arise,*
*Redeem itself through deed and sacrifice!*
MRS. MACCABEUS
(Melody of "Oh Chanukkah")

Each Chanukkah we glorify
Brave Judah Maccabeus
Who had the courage to defy
Antiochus, and free us
Yet it is not fair
That we should forget
Mrs. Maccabeus
Whom we owe a debt.

She mixed it
She mixed it
She poured it into a bowl
You may not guess }
That it was the lat-kes } 2
That gave brave Judah a soul. }

The Syrians said, "It cannot Be
That old Mattathias
Whose years are more
Than eighty-three
Will dare to defy us!"
But they didn’t know
His secret you see
Mattathias dined
On latkes and tea.

One latke
Two latkes
And so on into the night
You may not guess }
But it was the latkes }TWICE
That gave him the courage to fight.}

Now this is how it came about
This gastronomic wonder
That broke the ranks of Syria
Like flaming bolts of thunder.
Mrs. Maccabeus
Wrote in the dough
Portions of the Torah
Then fried them so.

They simmered and shimmered
Absorbing the olive oil
You may not guess }
But it was the lat-kes } 2
That made the Syrians recoil }

How these little latkes
Brown and delicious
Must have hit the spot because
With appetites vicious
All the heroes downed them
After their toil
Causing in our Temple
A shortage of oil.

One latke
Two latkes
And so on into the night
You may not guess } 2
But it was the lat-kes }
That gave us the Chanukkah light
EIGHT DAYS OF CHANUKAH

Once there was a time we had a Temple
where every Jew would go three times a year
There we worshipped God in our tradition
'til suddenly a tyrant did appear
Then a Modin Mattathias told us
"Whoever is for God come join our band"
Led by Judah and his faithful brothers
we drove the tyrant from our holy land

CHORUS
Eight days of Chanukah, eight days of Chanukah
We celebrate the festival of light
Those days in history still live for you and me
Let's keep the flame forever shining bright

When they came to dedicate the Temple
How their hearts were heavy with despair
Impurities and idols all around them
and just one jar of pure oil was there
But with faith in God they cleansed the Temple
Kindled that small lamp with hope and love
Then the story had a happy ending
Eight days of blessed light came from above
CHORUS

Sung to the tune of:

“Those were the Days My Friend,
I thought they’d never end.”