



Rosh Hashanah Greeting

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The words take on an extra resonance this year

Normally, I see you

In the halls, at the doors,

In the rotunda, in the pews, at the store

My heart leaps, happy

To feel your presence

To see your smiling face

And like the coming light elicits birdsong

As the dawn brings on

Wakefulness and prayer

Shanah Tovah comes forth

From my heart and lips

It embraces you

Ties us together in a timeless dance

An eternal circle of lived memory

Of celebration

This year

I see you from a distance

Masked

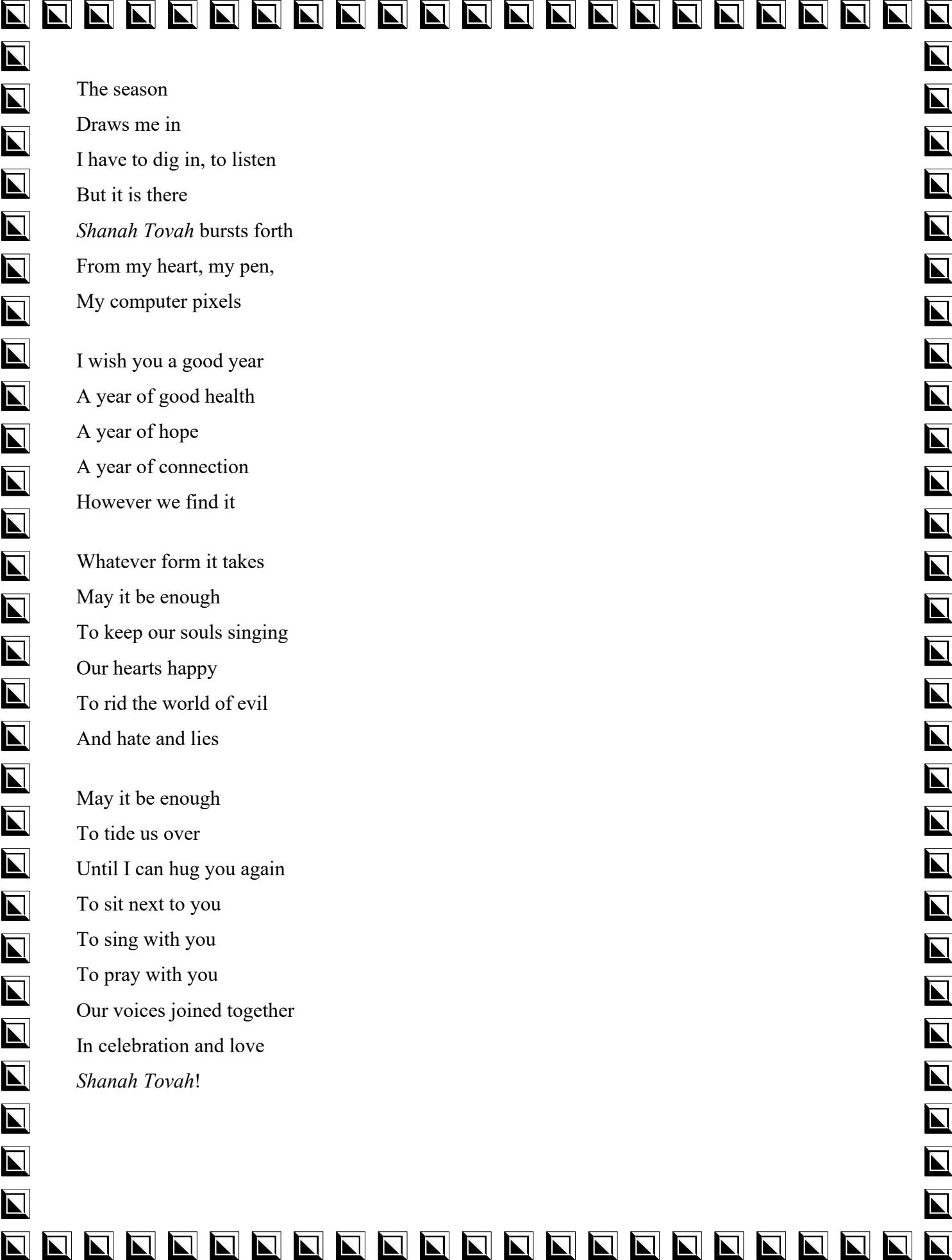
I see you on Zoom

Our connection is

Muted. Disembodied

But the circle

The dance



The season
Draws me in
I have to dig in, to listen
But it is there
Shanah Tovah bursts forth
From my heart, my pen,
My computer pixels
I wish you a good year
A year of good health
A year of hope
A year of connection
However we find it
Whatever form it takes
May it be enough
To keep our souls singing
Our hearts happy
To rid the world of evil
And hate and lies
May it be enough
To tide us over
Until I can hug you again
To sit next to you
To sing with you
To pray with you
Our voices joined together
In celebration and love
Shanah Tovah!