Maoz Tzur

Learn to Sing This Traditional Hanukkah Song

One of the traditions Hanukkah is to sing songs after the candles have been lit. Print out these lyrics so that everyone can sing along together.

Ma’oz tzur yeshu’ati,
lecha na’eh leshabe’ach,
tikon beit tefilati,
vesham todah nezabe’ach.
Le’et tachin matbe’ach
mitzar hamenabe’ach.
Az egmor
beshir mizmor
chanukat hamizbe’ach

Literal English Translation:
My refuge, my rock of salvation!
It is a pleasure to sing Your praises.
Let our house of prayer be restored.
And there we will offer You our thanks.
When You will have prepared the slaughter
Of the the barking foe,
Then we will celebrate with song and psalm
The dedication of the altar.

Common English Lyrics
Rock of Ages let our song
Praise thy saving power
Thou amidst the raging foes
Was our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us,
But thine armour veiled us.
And thy word broke their sword
When our own strength failed us.