IN THE BEGINNING, PART II

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Hebrew vocab: "*Tohu vavohu*" – from the Torah, Genesis 1:2, void and confusion; the primordial chaos out of which everything emerges. "*Hineini*" – here I am (ready for the task at hand). "Hineinu" – here we are (ready for the task at hand). "*Aleinu*" – it is incumbent upon us, our responsibility.

In the beginning when all is dark; a swirling mass of jagged parts
The only hope within your heart – a place to start: tohu vavohu …. Tohu vavohu ….
In the beginning the deepest night, inviting you to set your sights
Upon a vague horizon light with all your might: tohu vavohu …. Tohu vavohu ….

Can you hear the call, whisper when you fall?
Rising through the dawn: a new song ….

In the beginning, this gathering – the hurting heart, the wounded wing
In praise of all the day may bring, we stand and sing: tohu vavohu …. Tohu vavohu ….
In the beginning, we make a vow – to fill our cup, to mend the plow,
With all the strength that love allows, right here and now: tohu vavohu …. Tohu vavohu ….

Can you hear the call whisper when you fall?
Rising through the dawn, a new song
"Hineini! Hineinu! Aleinu! Up to me, up to you"

In the beginning we do what's just, holding hands with loneliness
We boldly build a bridge of trust upon the dust of tohu vavohu …. Tohu vavohu ….
In the beginning, the words we say echo on the stones we lay
With hands of light, and feet of clay, we make our way through tohu vavohu …. Tohu vavohu ….

Can you hear the call, whisper when you fall?
Rising through the dawn: a new song
"Hineini! Hineinu! Aleinu! Up to me, up to you"
Aleinu… Aleinu… Aleinu….