ROSH HASHANAH, HEAD OF THE YEAR

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NOTE: *it is helpful before or during the beginning of the song, to divide the audience, or some potion of them, into two parts, so that at the end of the song both the chorus and chant parts can be sung/chanted simultaneously — 1/2 on chorus, 1/2 on the chant part (see note at end). This takes practice with young audiences/participants.*
ALSO: *it is important to start by explaining that "'Rosh Hashanah' is Hebrew for 'head of the year' — that's what it literally means!" Otherwise, after the song, and multiple repetitions of the chorus, when you ask kids, "So — who knows what 'Rosh Hashanah' literally means?" they will often stare blankly.*

D A D
CHORUS: Rosh Hashanah, head of the year Rosh Hashanah, head of the year
D A D
Rosh Hashanah, head of the year We're so glad that everybody's here!

D A D
CHANT: Teshuva! Tefillah! Tzedakah! Teshuva! Tefillah! Tzedakah! (2x)

D A G
VS 1: On Rosh Hashanah it's the start of everything A brand new year, make it fresh, let freedom ring
D Bm7 A G
We blow the shofar to wake the slumbering Alive, awake, alert is how it goes and so we sing:

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Rosh Hashanah, head of the year We're so glad that everybody's here!

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CHANT: Teshuva! Tefillah! Tzedakah! Teshuva! Tefillah! Tzedakah! (2x)

D A G
VS 2: Tefillah means talk to God, it means to pray Teshuva means to return, to find your way
D Bm7 A G
Tzedakah means chari-ty, give it away On Rosh Hashanah this is what we do, and so we say:

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D A D
Rosh Hashanah, head of the year We're so glad that everybody's here!

D A D
CHANT: Teshuva! Tefillah! Tzedakah! Teshuva! Tefillah! Tzedakah! (2x)

{Repeat chorus and chant, simultaneously, one or two more times, then finish with everyone on just the chant}