

I AIN'T AFRAID

by Holly Near, as sung by the Klezmatics
Yiddish lyrics by Adrienne Cooper and Michael Wex

Bold text is sung by full chorus SATB unless noted otherwise.

Plain text is sung by miniensemble SATB unless noted otherwise.

Letters indicate sections in the written music.

I ain't afraid...I ain't afraid...I ain't afraid.

A **I ain't afraid** of your Yahwe
 I ain't afraid of your Allah
 I ain't afraid of your Jesus
 I'm afraid of what you do in the name of your god.

I ain't afraid of your churches
I ain't afraid of your temples
I ain't afraid of your praying
I'm afraid of what you do in the name of your god.

B **Keyn moyre far** ayer el shaday
 Keyn moyre far ayer ala
 Keyn moyre far ayer yezus
 Kh'hob moyre far dem vos ir tut lekoved ayer got.

C **Keyn moyre far** ay're kloysters *[selected sopranos sing Oo]*
 Keyn moyre far ay're shiln
 Keyn moyre far ay're tfiles
 Kh'hob moyre far dem vos ir tut lekoved ayer got.

D **Rise up** to your higher power
 Free up from fear it will devour you
 Watch out for the ego of the hour

A/T only: **The ones who say they know it are the ones who will impose it on you.**

E **Keyn moyre far** ayer el shaday
 Keyn moyre far ayer ala
 Keyn moyre far ayer yezus
 Kh'hob moyre far dem vos ir tut lekoved ayer got.

F **Keyn moyre far** ay're kloysters *[selected sopranos sing Oo]*
 Keyn moyre far ay're shiln
 Keyn moyre far ay're tfiles
 Kh'hob moyre far dem vos ir tut lekoved ayer got.

G **Shteyt oyf** girt zikh on mit koyekh
 Shtarkt zikh di shrek iz nor a royekh
 Hit zikh far der sho vos frest dem moyekh

A/T only: **Mevinim af di tsaytn veln mit der tsayt aykh naytn ayngeyn.**

H **Keyn moyre far** toldos yeyshu
 Keyn moyre far toyres moyshe
 Keyn moyre far farn alkoran
 Don't let the letter of the law obscure the spirit of your love.

I **Keyn moyre far** ay're gelter *[selected sopranos sing Oo]*
 Keyn moyre far ayer tarbes
 Keyn moyre far ay're breyres
 Kh'hob moyre far dem vos ir tut lekoved ayer got.

J I ain't afraid of your Sabbath
mini I ain't afraid of your spirit
S/A I ain't afraid of your teachers
only I'm afraid of what you do in the name of your god.

K **Rise up to your higher power**
 Free up from fear it will devour you
 Watch out for the ego of the hour
 The ones who say they know it are the ones who will impose it on you.

Keyn moyre far ayer el shaday
Keyn moyre far ayer ala
Keyn moyre far ayer yezus
Kh'hob moyre far dem vos ir tut lekoved ayer got.

L **I ain't afraid of your Yahwe**
 I ain't afraid of your Allah
 I ain't afraid of your Jesus
 I'm afraid of what you do in the name of your god.
 I'm afraid of what you do in the name of your god.

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I'm afraid of what we do in the name of our gods *[miniensemble in unison on melody]*