

A Queer Amidah

G*d of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Ruth and Naomi, David and Jonathan, we stand before You now, and bend our knees in awe of Your vastness.

Standing before You, G*d of all that is
We remember
before You created the heavens and the earth
You were One and all was one.
Before you separated light from dark, making day and night
You were One and time was one.
Before You divided the waters above from the waters beneath,
You were One and space was one.
We remember
before You created male and female in your image
You were One and we were one.

G*d of Oneness Infinite and Eternal
How queer of You to have created anything at all.
G*d of queerness in whom are united all separations
we stand before You now, queer ourselves,
made of heaven and earth, day and night, female and male, together, all of us
within Your awesome holy Oneness.

One person you made, G*d
in Your image, female and male undivided as male and female
are undivided in You - blended, united.
You made one person only to remind us that all of us are one
and all of us are descendants of the same first Holy Mother.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the G*d of Oneness everything that is comes forth from You.
And should we ever feel separate in body or soul from You and Your embracing
Oneness we remind ourselves of the words You spoke to the prophet:

And let not the *saris* say, "I am a withered tree. For the *sarisim* who keep My Shabbat, who have chosen what I desire and hold fast to My covenant, I will give them, in My house and within My walls a monument and a name better than sons or daughters. I will give them an everlasting name which shall not perish." *Isaiah 56.4-5*

We remember and keep Your Shabbat, we hold fast to Your covenant.
We breathe into the very first wish that You made for us: Be fruitful and multiply.

Genesis 1.28

Together in our many different ways, we express our innate fruitfulness; varied as the colors of Your rainbow, refractions of one sacred light, we join together in community united in heartfelt prayer, in awe of your creation and its manifest paradoxes.

How queer of You, G*d, to have created anything at all. Source of Life and Blessing, Maker and Sustainer, of beauty and horror, joy and blessings; and in the midst of your world we stand together and call out to You on this Shabbat, grateful for the life that You have given us.

G*d of all that is! from generation to generation we offer up our prayers. Blessed is the Source of all that is, who queerly brought forth stars and worlds, and placed us in the midst of them.

For you have said to us through one of Your ancient prophets: My house
Shall be a house of prayer For all peoples *Isaiah 56.7*

We stand together in this earthly house, moving into silence awesome and holy,
hoping to find You.

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