

ALL WE CAN DO

Music by Dan Nichols, English by Nkosi Johnson and Dan Nichols, Hebrew from Pirkei Avot, 2:21: Rabbi Tarfon

Capo on 2, play in D

Bm7 G D/F# A9
"Do as much as you can
Bm7 G D/F# A9
With the time that you have
Bm7 G D/F# A9 Bm7 G D/F# A9
In the place that you are" (Nkosi Johnson)
Bm7 G D/F# A9
Eighteen words from a kid
Bm7 G D/F# A9
With less than a year to live
Bm7 G D/F# A9
Eighteen words from a kid
G A9 A9 G
He knew so much more than we thought he did

D9 A9 Em7 D9
Lo alecha hamlacha ligmor
D9 A9 Bm7 G D/F# A9 Bm7 G D/F# A9
V'lo atah ben chorin l'hibateil mimena

Bm7 G D/F# A9
What can one person do
Bm7 G D/F# A9
The task is great and the day is short
Bm7 G D/F# A9
Words our fathers knew
G A9
We can't do it all, but we can all do more

D9 A9 Em7 D9
Lo alecha hamlacha ligmor
D9 A9 Bb C9 D9
V'lo atah ben chorin l'hibateil mimena

Bb7 C9 D9 Bb7 C9 D9
From all that used to be to all that might have been
Bb7 C9 D9 Bb7 C9 D9
There's no mystery when we work with what's in-between
Bb7 C9 D9 Bb7 C9 D9
All we can do is all we can do, all we can do is all we can do

D9 A9 Em7 D9
Lo alecha hamlacha ligmor
D9 A9 D9 A9 Em7 D9
V'lo atah ben chorin l'hibateil mimena

Pirkei Avot, Chapter 2

20. Rabbi Tarfon said: The day is short, the task is great, the laborers are lazy, the wage is abundant and the Master is urgent. 21. He used to say: It is not incumbent upon you to finish the task. Yet, you are not free to desist from it. If you have studied much in the Torah much reward will be given you, for faithful is your employer who shall pay you the reward of your labor. And know that the reward for the righteous shall be in the time to come.