



# Avinu Malkeinu

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Avinu Malkeinu –  
I stand here in shul,  
Davening before Melech malchei  
hamalachim;  
The world He does rule.

Emotions swirl around me,  
They overtake my mind and heart  
The words in my machzor jump  
out at me,  
I feel like I'm falling apart.

What lies ahead?  
If only I knew!  
Us mortals don't see the future,  
What will be with me and you?

A sudden blast – the shofar's  
blow;  
Fear and inspiration rise.  
Hashem will hear my anxiety, I  
know;  
Hashem, please hear my cries!

With abundant gratitude to  
Hashem  
For all He does for me,  
I pour out my heart, my worries,  
my stress –  
A year of success, please let us  
see!

I think of my son who works so  
hard,  
Each day to sit and learn,  
My motherly thoughts overtake  
me –  
For him to see success, I yearn.

Have I made the right choices?  
Have I done enough to invest?  
My heart hopes and prays,  
For him I want only what's best.

My thoughts drift off  
To the pot of roast waiting for our  
meal  
Hashem, please make it tasty  
My tefilla is mundane, but real.

Suddenly, from someplace close by,  
A child's chatter reaches my ears.  
Why is this child in shul, I wonder?  
Until I turn and see his mother's  
tears.

As I watch the mother's face,  
I begin to wonder  
What struggles this woman might  
have,  
What kind of stress she might be  
under.

I look around my little shul,  
And can't help but see  
The pain others may have,  
I realize it's not just me.

Hashem, please gather  
All of our emotions and tears,  
Turn our sadness and worries into  
joy  
Remove our anxieties and fears.

I know Hashem watches over  
His precious am segulah.  
Let this be our final year of fear;  
**Let this be the year of Geulah!**