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*The sound of music!*

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Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to Hashem. They said: I will sing to Hashem, for He has triumphed gloriously; Horse and driver He has hurled into the sea.— **Shemot 15:1**<sup>1</sup> On that day Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang: When blocks go untrimmed-b in Israel, When people dedicate themselves— Bless the LORD! Hear, O kings! Give ear, O potentates! I will sing, will sing to the LORD, Will hymn the LORD, the God of Israel.—

**Shoftim 5:1-3**<sup>2</sup> The Song of Songs, by Solomon. — **Shir haShirim 1:1**<sup>3</sup> On that occasion, when the LORD routed the Amorites before the Israelites, Joshua

addressed the LORD; he sang in the presence of the Israelites: “Stand still, O sun, at Gibeon, O moon, in the Valley of Aijalon!”— **Joshua 10:12**<sup>4</sup> In that day, this song shall be sung In the land of Judah: Ours is a mighty city; He makes victory our inner and outer wall.— **Isaiah 26:1**<sup>5</sup> Give ear, O heavens, let me speak; Let the earth hear the words I utter! — **Devarim 32:1**<sup>6</sup> I have previously informed you that the Gaon [Saadiya] says that the meaning of heavens is the angels and the meaning of the earth is the people of the earth. On the other hand, its meaning might be that the rain that comes down from heaven and the fruit

which the earth produces are called to bear witness. I believe that the correct interpretation is that Moses called heaven and earth to witness because they last forever. Similarly Hear, O ye mountains (Micah 6:2) and also Joshua’s stone. Scripture there writes that the stone heard. I have hinted to you that man’s soul is intermediary between the upper and lower worlds. The soul compares all things to its body. It certainly does so when

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speaking to other human beings. It therefore elevates the low and lowers the high. — **Ibn Ezra on Devarim 32:1**<sup>7</sup>

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