

*Sh'ma: A Re-creation*

Loving life  
and its mysterious source  
with all our heart  
and all our spirit,  
all our senses and strength,  
we take upon ourselves  
and into ourselves  
these promises:  
to care for the earth  
and those who live upon it,  
to pursue justice and peace,  
to love kindness and  
compassion.

We will teach this to our  
children  
throughout the passage of  
the day—

as we dwell in our homes  
and as we go on our  
journeys,

from the time we rise  
until we fall asleep.

And may our actions  
be faithful to our words  
that our children's children  
may live to know:

Truth and kindness  
have embraced,  
peace and justice have kissed  
and are one.

—MARCIA FALK