

# **The Mosaic Project Theme Song**

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**M** is for MUTUAL RESPECT

Don't put me down and don't hurt me.

**O** is for OPEN MINDEDNESS

See me for who I am and don't judge me.

**S** is for SELF RESPECT and

**A** is for ATTITUDE

You gotta love yourself and stay positive.

**I** is for INDIVIDUALITY and

**C** is for COMMUNITY

When we come together in the places we live.

**MO MO MO MO MO saic** (many times)

And if we live by these lessons  
And spread them across land and sea  
We can create a better future  
And live together in peace.

# **Empathy Song**

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**I don't know what it's like to be you.  
I don't know what you have to go through.  
But I can try to see the world through your eyes.  
Put myself in your shoes  
And empathize.  
Emphasize?  
No no no no empathize  
Not emphasize  
But empathize.  
Entropy?  
No no no no empathy  
Not entropy  
But empathy. (CHORUS)**

Every story has more than one side.  
It's not about what's wrong or right.  
Who's to judge what's good or bad?  
What makes me laugh might make you mad.  
Let's try to make a deal.  
We'll listen to each other and see how the other feels.  
With empathy we can understand.  
We can solve our problems and make amends.

## ***CHORUS***

Everybody's gotta different point of view.  
How would I feel if I were you?  
Some people think this, some people think that.  
I'm telling you empathy is where it's at.  
We can solve our problems by talking and listening.  
Instead of judging we can look at things differently.  
Write to Congress and get them to see  
Instead of fighting, we can try to use empathy.  
Not entropy, but empathy.

## ***CHORUS***

# **Dance and Be Free**

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**We can live in equality  
Embracing our diversity.  
Break down the walls  
So we can dance and be free.  
Let's start with you and me. (CHORUS)**

**I wear glasses cause my eyes are weak.  
Kids make fun of me, call me names like geek.  
That's stereotyping  
Labeling me  
Telling me what I can or cannot be.  
Building boxes  
That confine you and me.  
Let's break out and be free.**

## ***CHORUS***

**I am a little girl. I'm not very tall.  
You tell me I'm not good enough to play basketball.  
That's prejudice  
Judging me without knowing me  
Telling me what I can or cannot be.  
Building boxes  
That confine you and me.  
Let's break out and be free.**

## ***CHORUS***

**You say you don't like me.  
You tell me that I don't fit in.  
You won't let me eat lunch with you  
Cause of the color of my skin.  
That's discrimination. An action based on prejudice  
and stereotyping  
Telling me what I can or cannot be.  
Building boxes  
That confine you and me.  
Let's break out and be free**

## ***CHORUS***

# **If I Were an ET**

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The world would look a lot different to me

***IF I WERE AN ET!***

The world would look like a smaller place

***IF I WERE FROM OUTER SPACE!***

From the smallest flea

To the largest tree

***THEY'D ALL JUST BE EARTHLINGS TO ME!***

We all share the earth.

We're all intertwined

Through all of history

Through the web of time. (CHORUS)

Coming from a galaxy far far away

Cause there's just something I got to say.

I've been watching planet earth for a long long time.

I'd like to share my little rhyme.

Everything is connected and intertwined

Through all of history

Since the beginning of time.

I've seen tiny seeds

Grow up to be trees

And fall back into the earth eventually.

That's not the end of the energetic flow.

They break down into the ground

For new life to grow.

I've watched Gandhi flow down the nonviolent stream

And heard Martin Luther King say "I have a dream."

The acts of the past have shaped you and me.

Our acts in the present shape the future we'll see.

## ***CHORUS***

If I were an ET what would I see?

I'd see a world that should be living in harmony.

A child, a chipmunk, a chimpanzee

Moss, a mushroom, or salty seaweed

One world, one love, one family

Without hate, or oppression, or war, or greed.

But things aren't that way unfortunately

So we should all work together to live in peace.

Whether you're Pygmy, Portuguese, Sioux, or Shawnee

In a house, a hut, or a teepee

No matter what language you speak or what you believe

We all share the responsibility.

The acts of the past have shaped you and me

Our acts in the present shape the future we'll see.

## ***CHORUS***

***Shake your extraterrestrial! Shake your extraterrestrial!***

**We all share the earth. We're all intertwined, through all of history, through the web of time.**

# Fighting is not the Solution

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**Fighting is not the solution.  
Try conflict resolution. 4X  
(CHORUS)**

Stop, cool off, and take a deep  
breath.  
When you get angry don't lose  
your head.  
Tell each other the way you feel.  
Don't scream, don't shout.  
Use your words not your fists  
To work it out.

## **CHORUS**

Listen to each other.  
Find out what you both need.  
Stand in each other's shoes.  
Practice a little empathy.  
Make a plan that you both like  
And go for it.  
No problem ever gets solved  
By fighting over it.

## **CHORUS**

**I'm going to use I statements  
4X**

*(interactive section)*

***I feel...***

Frustrated!

***When...***

Everyone's talking at the same time.

***Because...***

I want to listen.

***And...***

I want to know what I'm missing!

**I'm going to use I statements**

4X

***I feel...***

Very sad!

***When...***

I get left out on the playground.

***Because...***

I like dodge ball too.

***And...***

I just want to play with you!

## **CHORUS**

# **Don't Laugh at Me**

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Music and Lyrics by Steve Seskin & Allen Shamblin

I'm the little boy with glasses  
The one they call a geek.  
A little girl who never smiles  
Cause I've got braces on my teeth.  
And I know how it feels  
To cry myself to sleep.

Don't laugh at me.  
Don't call me names.  
Don't get your pleasure from my pain.  
Deep inside we're all the same.  
We all need hope and care and love.  
Don't laugh at me. (CHORUS)

I'm that little kid on every playground  
Who's always chosen last.  
A single teenage mother  
Try'in to overcome my past.  
You don't have to be my friend  
But is that too much to ask?

## ***CHORUS***

I'm the beggar on the corner.  
You've passed me on the street,  
And I wouldn't be out here beggin'  
If I had enough to eat.  
And don't think I don't notice  
That our eyes never meet.

## ***CHORUS***

I'm rich.  
I'm poor.  
I'm big.  
I'm small.  
I'm deaf.  
I'm blind.  
Does it really matter, after all?

## ***CHORUS***

# **It's All Right to Cry**

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Music and Lyrics By Carol Hall

**It's all right to cry.  
Crying gets the sad out of you.  
It's all right to cry.  
It might make you feel better.**

**Raindrops from your eyes  
Washing all the mad out of you.  
Raindrops from your eyes.  
It might make you feel better.**

**It's all right to feel things  
Though the feelings can be strange.  
Feelings are such real things  
And they change and change  
And change.**

**Sad and grumpy  
Down in the dumpy  
Snuggly huggly  
Mean and ugly  
Sloppy slappy  
Hoppy happy  
Change and change and change**

**It's all right to know  
Feelings come and feelings go.  
And it's all right to cry.  
It might make you feel better.**

# **Amani (Serian's Song)**

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Music and Lyrics by Serian Leti Strauss

*In Swahili:*

**Tuimbe pamoja  
Kubadilisha dunia.  
Sisi watoto pamoja  
Ni uso, mwili, kichwa wa dunia.**

**Sauti moja, sauti moja  
Kwa amani na usalama 2X (CHORUS)**

**Upindi wa mvua  
Ni utulivu na raha.  
Sisi watoto pamoja  
Ni rangi inchi zote za dunia.**

**CHORUS**

*In English:*

Let's sing together  
To change the world.  
We, the children together  
Are the face, the body and head of the world.

One voice, one voice  
In peace, in safety (CHORUS)

A rainbow  
Is serenity and joy.  
We, the children, together  
Are all the colors, all the countries of the world.

**CHORUS**

# Paz

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*In Spanish:*

**Somos los niños.  
Somos el futuro.  
Queremos paz.  
Tendremos paz.  
Trabajamos por la paz.  
Tendremos paz.  
Queremos paz.  
Tendremos paz.**

**Tenemos mentes.  
Pensamos paz.  
Tenemos corazones.  
Sentimos paz.  
Tenemos almas.  
Somos paz.  
Paz vendrá, paz vendrá.**

*In English:*

**We are the children.  
We are the future.  
We want peace.  
We will have peace.  
We work for peace.  
We will have peace.  
We want peace.  
We will have peace.**

**We have minds.  
We think peace.  
We have hearts.  
We feel peace.  
We have souls.  
We are peace.  
Peace will come, peace will come.**

# **Salaam**

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Music and Lyrics by Sheva

*In Hebrew and Arabic:*

**Od yavoh shalom aleinu (3X)  
Ve al koolam.**

**Salaam.  
Aleinu ve al kol ha'olam.  
Salaam. Salaam. (2X)**

*In English:*

Peace will come to us and to everyone.

Peace to us and to the whole world.  
Peace. Peace.

# **We are the Mosaic** (closing song)

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**We are all the many tiles, so different and unique  
Bound together in strength and unity.  
We all make the Mosaic  
Of our community  
And help the world to live in harmony. (CHORUS)**

**We must all do our share  
To carry on what we learned here.  
We can teach our sisters and brothers  
To appreciate ourselves and others.**

**Celebrate diversity.  
Feel free to be who you want to be.  
You can depend on me.  
Let's work to build community.**

## ***CHORUS***

**Teamwork and cooperation  
Empathy and communication  
Prejudice we won't tolerate.  
We shall not discriminate.**

**Celebrate diversity.  
Feel free to be who you want to be.  
You can depend on me.  
Let's work to build community.**

## ***CHORUS***

**Celebrate diversity.  
Feel free to be who you want to be.  
You can depend on me.  
Let's work to build community.  
(many times)**

## ***CHORUS***