

# *Two Worlds – One Hope*

*E*vening and morning, two worlds this world and the next world  
Rabbi Hanoch once pondered,  
“What is the difference between us and the others?”  
We and the other nations both believe that there are two worlds  
They, too, say, “In the other world.”

But they think that the two worlds are separate and severed  
We profess that the two worlds are in their essence one  
“and shall one day become one.”

How do they imagine these two worlds?  
For some Vertically  
One world below, the other above  
One world here and the other there.

For us the two worlds  
Are Horizontal  
One stretch of time and place  
Side by side one world alongside another  
One time, one world entering into another  
One world partially achieved, one world yet to be accomplished  
One world actualized, and the same world yet to be realized  
Both worlds are one, bound to each other.

Vertical and Horizontal intersect in prayer  
Wherever whenever  
May tomorrow be better than yesterday.

