

# Namaste, Chaverim

'Namaste' literally translates as 'I bow to you.'  
I prefer to interpret it as 'The divine in me greets  
the divine in you.' 'Chaverim' is Hebrew for 'friends'.

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The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 12/8. It begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic marking. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Na-ma-ste, cha-ver-im, A-sa-laam a-lay-kum; Na-mu myo-ho ren-gey-kyo, La paz sea con-ti - go. Peace be with you al - ways, Al - ways." The score includes a repeat sign with a first ending bracket labeled "(last time)" and a final cadence in 6/8 time.

*f* Na-ma-ste, cha-ver-im, A-sa-laam a-lay-kum; Na-mu myo-ho ren-gey-kyo, La  
4 paz sea con-ti - go. Peace be with you al - ways, Al - ways.

"I bow to you," (Hindu) "my friends." (Hebrew) "Peace be unto you." (Arabic)  
"Devotion to the Wonderful Law of the Lotus Flower Scripture." (Japanese - Nichiren Buddhist  
mantra) "Peace be with you." (Spanish)