

Peace on the Edge  
Prayer #24

Everything has a dual nature  
My heart is two  
Our prayer place is built of two  
The meeting of two worlds like a city joined together  
If only we could make the peace prayers properly  
Twice  
The world would be redeemed

Master of all the worlds  
All the prayers are peace  
Drip drip dripping  
But the words have no lift

The lower worlds are bestirring themselves  
The Great Heart of the World longs for peace  
We are waiting for the true persons of compassion  
You know who they are  
We are yearning for peace  
the silent peace, the true peace

May great peace flow from the upper worlds like a fountain  
(Y'hei shlama raba min shemaya)  
It will be beautiful  
Like our lives

But for now  
Save us  
For a few more  
Twenty four  
Hours

amen

james stone Goodman  
pre-war

Sources:

The Zohar reads terumah from an Aramaic root which means: two.

Tell the children of Israel to bring Me terumah . . .  
And let them build me a sanctuary . . .

-- Exodus 25:2, 8

. . .like a city joined together

-- Psalm 122:3

At the edge of the world, there is a mountain, and on that mountain is a rock, and from that rock issues the purest water in the world. On the other edge of the world, is the great heart of the world, that longs for the water. But it cannot have it.

-- from Rebbe Nachman's last, unfinished story, the "Lost Princess," as found in S. An-ski's play, "The Dybbuk"

Everything has a dual nature.  
Wholeness, she-lei-mut, comes through the vehicle of blessing.  
The power of the upper root descends.

-- Sefat Emet on Noach

The upper worlds will not respond  
Until the lower worlds bestir themselves

-- Zohar

Bar Yochai spent the rest of his days believing that if he could only spend two Sabbaths properly, the world would be redeemed.