

I'M A TREE

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff (measures 1-3) has a repeat sign and is followed by lyrics: "I'm a tree. I'm a tree. I'm a tree and that is what I want to". The second staff (measures 4-7) continues the melody with lyrics: "be. I'm a tree. I'm a tree. With my bran-ches reach-ing way up to the". The third staff (measures 8-11) features a call-and-response between a leader and an audience. The leader's part (measures 8-9) has lyrics "uh ___ uh uh uh." and the audience's part (measures 10-11) has lyrics "uh ___ uh uh uh." followed by "You can ask me if I want to be a". The fourth staff (measures 12-14) shows the leader's part with lyrics "moun - tain." and the audience's part with lyrics "Leader: Go ahead, ask me!" and "Audience: Do you want to be a mountain?". The fifth staff (measures 15-18) shows the leader's part with lyrics "Leader: NO!!!" and "You can ask me if I want to be a ri - ver." and the audience's part with lyrics "D". The sixth staff (measures 19-21) shows the audience's part with lyrics "Audience: Do you want to be a river?" and "Leader: NO!!!" and the leader's part with lyrics "You can". The seventh staff (measures 22-24) shows the leader's part with lyrics "ask me if I want to be a vol - ca ___ no." and the audience's part with lyrics "Audience: Do you want to be a volcano?".

A **E** **F#m**

I'm a tree. I'm a tree. I'm a tree and that is what I want to

D **A** **E** **F#m** \emptyset

4 be. I'm a tree. I'm a tree. With my bran-ches reach-ing way up to the

D LEADER AUDIENCE LEADER **A**

8 sky. uh ___ uh uh uh. uh ___ uh uh uh. You can ask me if I want to be a

D

12 moun - tain. Leader: Go ahead, ask me! Audience: Do you want to be a mountain?

A **D**

15 Leader: NO!!! You can ask me if I want to be a ri - ver.

AUDIENCE

19 Audience: Do you want to be a river? Leader: NO!!! You can

A **D**

22 ask me if I want to be a vol - ca ___ no. Audience: Do you want to be a volcano?

25 **E** **E** **sus** **E**

Leader: NO!!! A tree is what I want to eitz cha yim hi

29 **D.C. al Coda** Φ **D** **LEADER** **AUDIENCE**

I'm a sky. uh uh uh uh. uh uh uh

32 **LEADER** **AUDIENCE**

uh. uh uh uh uh. uh uh uh uh.

repeat coda, getting quieter and quieter

Additional verse ideas:

1. Professions: (You can ask me if I want to be a doctor, teacher, singer, mail carrier, etc.)
2. Foods: (You can ask me if I want to be a zucchini, watermelon, sack of potatoes, etc.)

Eitz chayim hi lamachazikim bah,
v'tom'cheha m'ushar.
D'rachecha darchei noam
v'chol n'tivotaha shalom.

Hashivenu Adonai eilecha v'nashuva, chadesh yameinu k'kedem.

עֵץ חַיִּים הִיא לַמַּחְזִיקִים בָּהּ. וְתַמְכֶיהָ מְאֻשָּׁר:

דְּרָכֶיהָ דְרָכֵי נְעִם וְכָל נְתִיבוֹתֶיהָ שְׁלוֹם:

הַשִּׁיבֵנו ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנִשׁוּבָה. חַדֵּשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם:

Translation:

It is a tree of life for those who hold fast to it, and all its' supporters are happy.
Its' ways are pleasant, and all of its paths peaceful.

Return us to you, God, so that we shall return, renew our days as of old.