

# Peter, Paul & Mary, Light One Candle

Light one candle for the Maccabee children  
Give thanks that their light didn't die!  
Light one candle for the pain they endured  
When their right to exist was denied!  
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice  
Justice and freedom demand!  
And light one candle for the wisdom to know  
When the peacemaker's time is at hand!

chorus:  
Don't let the light go out!  
It's lasted for so many years!  
Don't let the light go out!  
Let it shine through our love and our tears. (2)

Light one candle for the strength we all need  
To never become our own foe!  
And light one candle for those who are suffering  
Pain we learned so long ago!  
Light one candle for all we believe in,  
Let anger not tear us apart!  
And light one candle to bind us together  
With peace as the song in our heart!

(chorus)

What is the memory that's valued so highly  
That we keep it alive in that flame?  
What's the commitment to those who have died  
When we cry out they've not died in vain,  
We have come this far, always believing  
That justice will somehow prevail!  
This is the burning. This is the promise,  
This why we will not fail!

(chorus)

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