

My Hanukka Moment and my 8 Day Clock

MY HANUKKAH CLOCK



It's an old wind-up school clock
good for 8 days in it's prime...
but rare to go 5 or 6 days now.
It would take miracle of biblical proportions
for it to keep ticking 8 days and nights.

Daughter Karen climbed to wind it
on the first night of Hanukkah
which happened the same day
as Christians lit the first Advent candle.

That Sunday evening Jean and I turned down the lights
she lighted candles for Hanukkah and Advent
and the two of us sang:
*"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."*

Lighting of lights in this season pre-dates history
the most ecumenical symbol I think of.
Hanukkah is not a Jewish Christmas or any religion
but all celebrate mystery and wonder traditions.

The first candle of Advent is for hope...
we sing as if hope
is like a heavenly gift we wait to receive.

I say the light calls us to MAKE HOPE
and MAKE PEACE and MAKE LOVE and MAKE JOY....
not just hope and pray for a miracle to keep our candles lit
or for the clock to keep ticking without us winding it.

We MAKE lots of light on our dark road
they come on at dusk and stay burning until dawn
We won't let the light go out
And try to keep it shining through our love and our tears.

For the Moment...Art Morgan December 2021