***Bilvavi Mishkan Evneh***

בִלְבָבִי מִשְכָן אֶבְנֶה לַהֲדַר כְבוֹדוֹ,

וּלמִשְכָן מִזְבֵֽחַ אָשִים לְקַרְנֵי הוֹדוֹ,

וּלְנֵר תָמִיד אֶקַח לִי אֶת אֵשׁ הָעֲקֵידָה, וּלְקָרְבָן אַקְרִיב לוֹ אֶת נַפְשִי,

אֶת נַפְשִי הַיְחִידָה.

*Bilvavi mishkan evneh l'hadar k'vodo,*

*ul’mishkan mizbe’ach asim l'karnei hodo.*

*U’l’ner tamid ekach li et esh ha'akeidah, ulkorban akriv lo et nafshi, et nafshi ha’yechida.*

I will build a mishkan in my heart to glorify the Divine Presence [or, God's honor]. And I will place an altar in the mishkan dedicated to the radiance of the Divine light.

And for the eternal/constant flame [*ner tamid*] I will take upon myself the fire that fueled the Binding (of Isaac). And as a sacrifice I will offer God my soul, my unique soul.

Lyrics: Based on passage by Rabbi Eliezer Azikri, *Sefer Haredim* (16th-century ethical-kabbalistic text). Song composed by Rabbi Yitzchak Hutner, set to music by Rabbi Shmuel Brazil, trans. by Zemirot Database and Rabbi Josh.

For a recording, google :"Bilvavi" performed by the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC or go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hshiHA62umQ>