## **Openness and Joy**

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When we are infants Joy is always
Present around us when we are young
Sooner or later shades of the prison
Start to close 'round us stealing our fun
Through every contraction, and every constriction
This Openness shrinks and soon we're alone
But Joy is always there in the background
Waiting for windows to bring us back home

Hallelujah Hallelujah Joy brings to ya, Hallelujah

Yes we have allowed our joy to be buried
To be restricted, to be defined
Deeper and deeper it sinks in the body
We feel like fragments of the Divine
But then through a window joy comes rising
Bringing us back to Truth and to Peace
Rest in this moment return to it often
A choir is singing to you and to me

Oh what joy can bring It's a lovely thing Watch your burdens fade away Oh what joy can bring such an opening In your heart it's always Spring