



Sweet Miriam from Goshen

to the tune of "Sweet Betsy from Pike"

Did you ever hear tell of Sweet Miriam from Goshen?

Who crossed the wide Sinai in the Exodus motion?

Moses, her brother, has garnered more fame,
But Miriam's important, so remember her name.

(Chorus)

Dayeinu, dayeinu, dayeinu, dayei!
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Her story begins on the banks of the Nile,
Where little boy Moses was floating a while.
Miriam saw him adrift in the water
And guided his basket to Pharaoh's young daughter.

'Twas Miriam made sure that his Hebrew he learned,
So Moses was ready for the Bush when it burned.
The Bush said to Moses, "This is no delirium—
Just do what I say — and pay attention to Miriam!"

(Repeat chorus)

The desert was dry and the sun sure was hot,
They were hungry and tired and their feet hurt a lot.
Four decades they wandered without a correction,
'Cause Moses would not stop and ask for direction.

Their bread was unleavened, they wanted to cry,
So Miriam whipped up a fine matzoh brei.
The people were thirsty, they said it was hell,
And they drank all the water in Miriam's Well.

Miriam told Moses, you see our dismay,
We can't stand this desert one more night or day.
For her sass she was punished and turned snowy white.
But Moses was sorry, and God made it right.

(Repeat chorus)

When they came to the Red Sea and there they did wait,
Pharaoh's army behind them was yelling with hate.

Said Miriam to Moses, "Don't worry, don't fret,
Just follow me through and we will not get wet!"

Then Miriam brought out her timbrel with glee,
And she sang to the women, "This means we are free!"
So the point of this story of Moses' sib
Is: the God of the Hebrews was pro-Women's Lib!

(Repeat chorus)

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