

## A Yom Kippur poem by Wayne Rogers

The shofar  
announces  
sighs  
wails  
sobs  
sings of hearts forgiveness  
shekenah, adonai, hashem  
opens our inner hearts  
to where the names have always lived

Asking  
Pleading  
Can you forgive yourself  
Can you forgive those who harmed you  
Can you forgive those who diminished you  
Can you forgive those whose angry words pierced your soul

You can  
you will  
you know you must  
to heal all of us

Tekiah  
Know god the king  
Praise god the king  
Return to God

Shevarim

Make our hearts yearn for God  
Return our souls  
to the center of its true holy gift  
of love, charity, forgiving goodness

Teruah  
Awake us  
Change us  
Have us know the power of pardon  
Direct us to seed of our loving power

Kol Nidre  
Have mercy  
Release us  
Restore us  
Return us our true sacredness

The shofar  
sings  
shouts  
praises  
trumpets joyfully  
As we move closer to God's loving power

