

# Peace in the family

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A Ukrainian folk song and aria from the opera "Natalka Poltavka"  
Words by Ivan Kotlyarevskiy. Several versions and translations can be found; the words here hopefully capture the essence of the song rather than follow the original lyrics. You can find a rousing chorus singing here:

[Де згода в сімействі](#)  [When peace in family \(Ukr\)](#) ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))

The initial inspiration here is a deep sadness and sorrow for plight of those caught up in conflicts around the world, the 'family of man'.

Lyrics by Dany Rosevear.

Where there is peace in the fam - 'ly How bless'd are those who live there. — Where there is peace in the  
fam - 'ly, There's har - mo - ny, com - fort and care. — Rise up, rise up from the dark - ness, O - pen your  
heart — to good - ness, Be thank - ful, be joy - ful, be wise. — So seeds of love grow and thrive. —



Where there is peace in the family  
How blessed are those who live there,  
Where there is peace in the family,  
There's harmony, comfort and care.  
*Rise up, rise up from the darkness,  
Open your heart to goodness,  
Be thankful, be joyful, be wise,  
So seeds of love grow and thrive.*

But where there is no agreement,  
Where there is trouble and strife,  
There can be no cheer for the family,  
If there is no welcoming light.  
*Rise up, rise up from the darkness,  
Open your heart to goodness,  
Be thankful, be joyful, be wise,  
So seeds of love grow and thrive.*

Send us hope, sweet peace and protection,  
To live life the way it should be,  
For our children, our land and our people,  
A life that is simple and free.  
*Rise up, rise up from the darkness,  
Open your heart to goodness,  
Be thankful, be joyful, be wise,  
So seeds of love grow and thrive.*