







# Festivals of Light

Celebrating cultures from all  
around the world



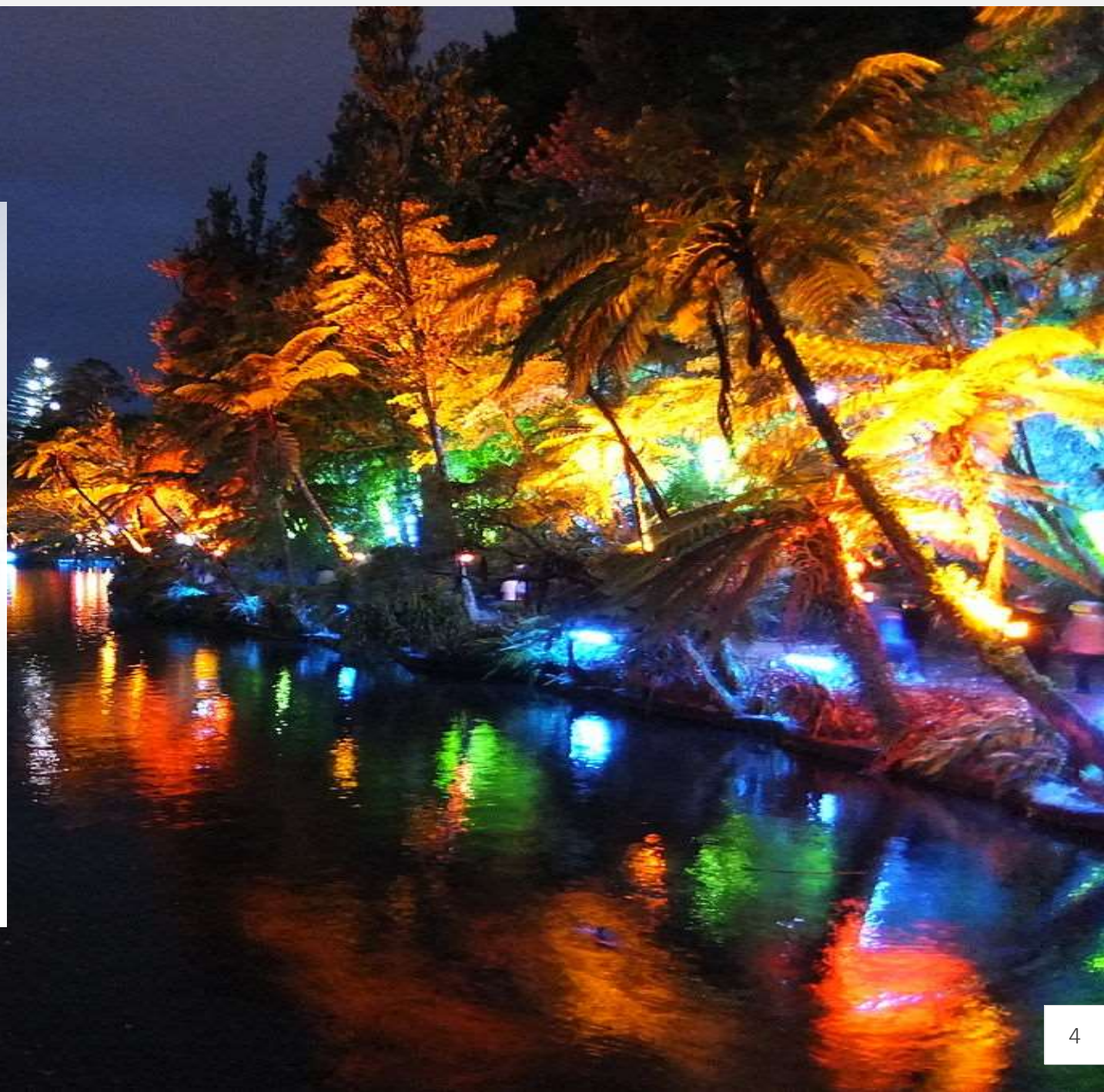


**Let's Sing a  
Song to  
Celebrate  
Light!**


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2BOX4W00UrE>




Did you know  
that many  
different  
cultures hold  
festivals of light  
at this time of  
the year?





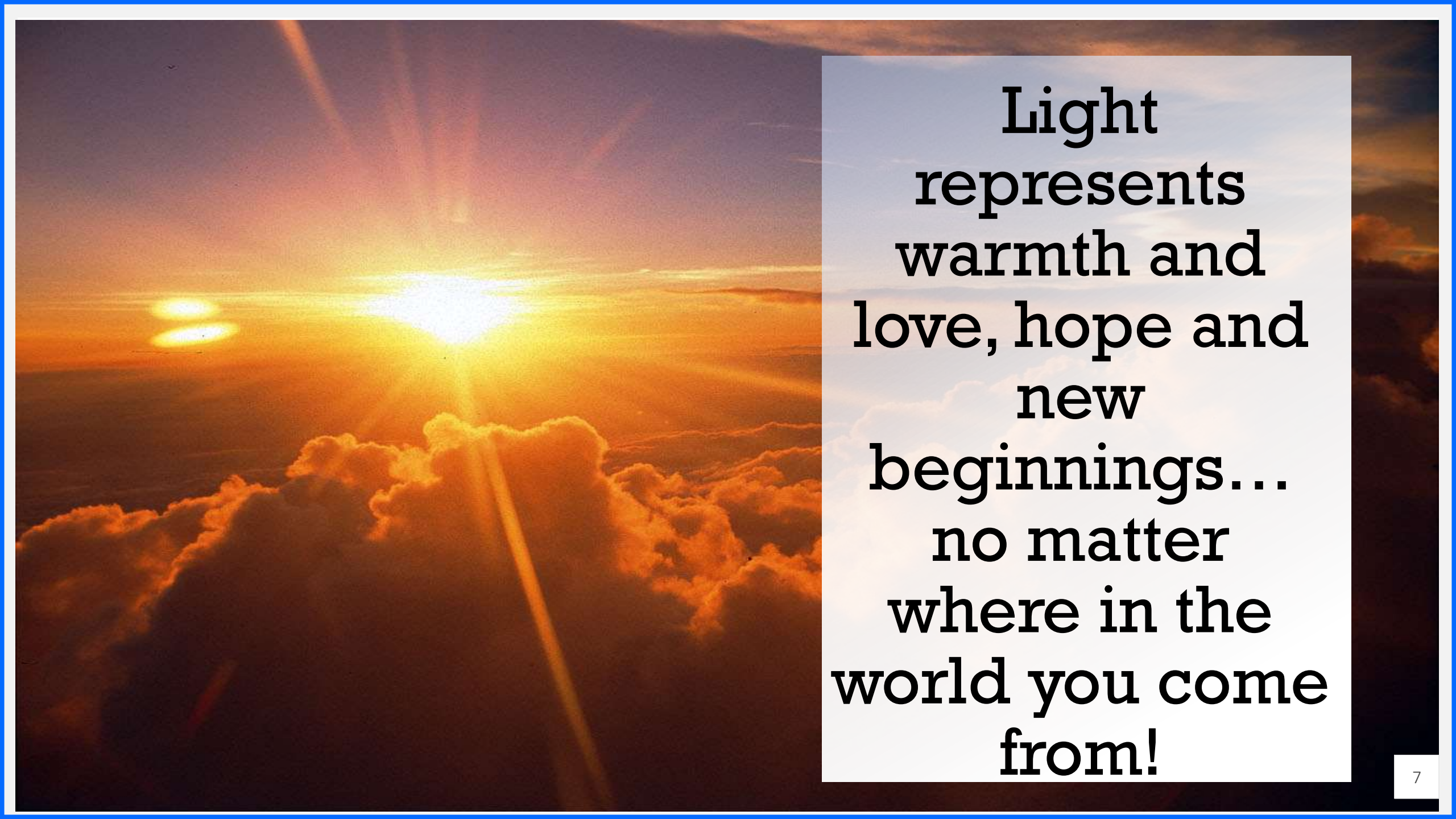
A night sky with a crescent moon and stars, framed by dark, bare tree branches.

**Winter is a  
time of  
long nights  
and  
darkness...**



**...so it  
makes  
sense that  
many  
different  
cultures fill  
up the  
darkness  
with light!**






**Light  
represents  
warmth and  
love, hope and  
new  
beginnings...  
no matter  
where in the  
world you come  
from!**



A world map is shown in the background, with the continents outlined in a dark blue color. Overlaid on the map are numerous small, glowing yellow and light blue dots, which represent the locations of various festivals of light around the world. The dots are concentrated in certain areas, such as North America, Europe, and Asia, while other regions have fewer dots.

Let's take a  
journey around  
the world to  
explore some  
of the most  
spectacular  
festivals of  
light!






A five day festival  
that celebrates the  
triumph of good  
over evil through  
candles and  
fireworks

**Diwali – a light festival from India**






People make a wish  
as they watch their  
candle float away  
down the river

**Loi Kratong – a light festival from Thailand**






Families put  
colourful lights in  
their windows to  
light up the town  
and remember  
Mary, the mother  
of Jesus

**Fete de Lumiere – a light festival from France**




A festive Hannukkah scene. In the foreground, a silver platter holds several golden-brown latkes. To the left, a candelabrum holds three lit yellow candles. To the right, another candelabrum holds three more lit yellow candles. In the background, colorful fireworks in red, green, yellow, blue, and purple burst against a dark night sky. The text "Eight day celebration to remember the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem" is centered over the fireworks.

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celebration to  
remember the  
rededication of the  
Holy Temple in  
Jerusalem

**Hannukah – a Jewish light festival**






Thousands of  
lanterns are  
released into the  
sky to celebrate the  
New Year

**Pingxi Lantern Festival— a light festival from Taiwan**






All the buildings in  
Berlin are lit up  
with bright lights  
for two weeks to  
celebrate art and  
culture

**Berlin Leuchtet – a German light festival**






This year will be the  
year of the rat!

**Chinese New Year – a light festival from China**





Children make  
lanterns and  
parade down the  
street to remember  
St Martin, who was  
a knight famous for  
his kindness to  
beggars

**St Martins Day – a light festival from Holland**




A photograph of a pumpkin festival at night. In the foreground, a man in a blue shirt is kneeling and working on a pumpkin. The background is filled with rows of carved and lit jack-o'-lanterns. Overlaid on the image are several colorful fireworks in red, yellow, blue, and purple. The text is centered over the fireworks.

Connected to  
Halloween, this  
festival aims to  
break the world  
record for the most  
carved and lit  
pumpkins in one  
place every year!

**Pumpkin Festival – a light festival from USA**




A large crowd of people is gathered at night, looking up at a series of colorful, starburst-shaped light displays. The lights are in various colors including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The background is dark, and the lights create a bright, festive atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the image.

This is a two month  
festival to celebrate  
the beautiful cherry  
blossom flowers

**Winter Illuminations – a light festival from Japan**

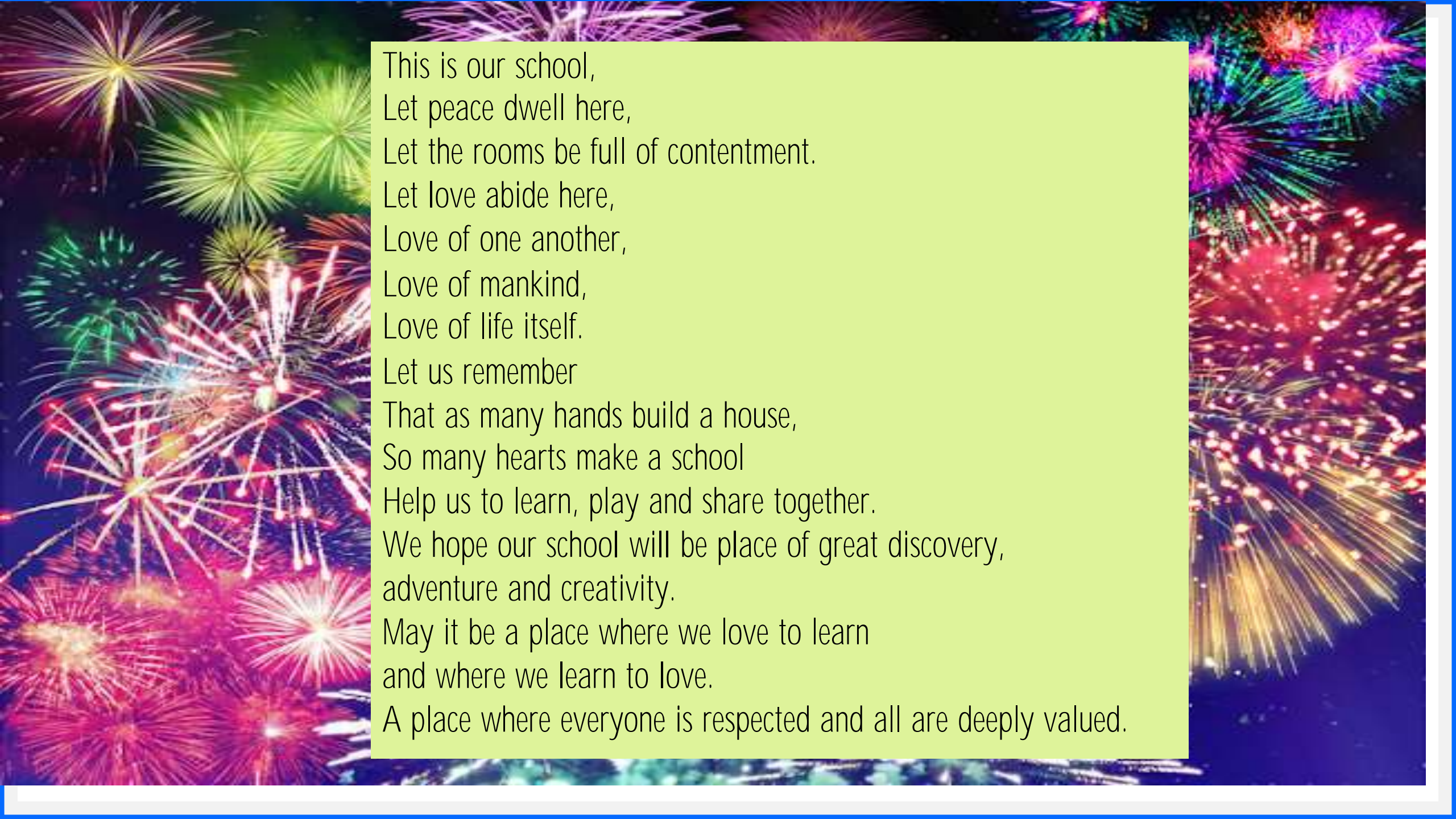


A vibrant night scene celebrating Bonfire Night. In the foreground, a large, intense bonfire burns with bright orange and yellow flames. Above the bonfire, a massive display of colorful fireworks bursts in the dark sky, featuring red, yellow, blue, purple, and pink patterns. A large, full moon is visible in the upper right corner of the sky. The overall atmosphere is festive and celebratory.

Remember  
Remember the 5<sup>th</sup>  
of November,  
gunpowder,  
treason and plot!


**Bonfire Night – a light festival from England**





This is our school,  
Let peace dwell here,  
Let the rooms be full of contentment.  
Let love abide here,  
Love of one another,  
Love of mankind,  
Love of life itself.  
Let us remember  
That as many hands build a house,  
So many hearts make a school  
Help us to learn, play and share together.  
We hope our school will be place of great discovery,  
adventure and creativity.  
May it be a place where we love to learn  
and where we learn to love.  
A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.





**Let's finish with  
another song  
that celebrates  
light!**

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