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When I sing a song—even one that's strange, that is only scraps of a rhythm and a few lyrics—the song makes me breathe with it. I don't read as much as I listen with it and soften my body to it. Maybe this is what the Bible is, song after song after song, not asking us to know it as much as to sing with it, finding those rhythms of God's life with us, for us, in us.