**7 – Mais Narrator (Sop and Bar), Chorus**

**- joined by Full Chorus in arena**

***Syrian poem read on film*** An-a qa-wi-a, An-a qa-wi-a

*I am a girl / I am strong* An-a qa-wi-a, An-a qa-wi-a

*Learning strength from my mother* An-a qa-wi-a, An-a qa-wi-a

*And small acts of love from my friends* An-a qa-wi-a, An-a qa-wi-a

*I am a girl / I am strong / I keep walking ahead* Oua-se-lu’ mash-ya qu-du-man

Oua-se-lu’ mash-ya qu-du-man

**Chorus**

Shhh! Play quietly **Chorus**

Shhh! Sing softly Sometimes we falter

She feels unsafe Sometimes we fall

The noise of the blast Then we get up and stand

The bomb at the gate Stronger than before

We ignore the war

**Mais** We stay together

Mais. I am Mais / A young girl from Damascus Still we wait

Waiting in the sun Still we dream

And we have to talk…

**Chorus** And talk and talk

Waiting, Waiting Learn-ing slowly how to forgive

Learn-ing slowly how to forgive

**Narrator (Sop)**

Waiting **Narrator (Sop) / Narrator (Sop and Bar)**

 Learn-ing slowly how to forgive / How to forgive

**Narrator (Sop)**

Mais lost many friends that day **Narrator (Sop and Bar), Chorus**

Slowly / She found the strength to live Dance with us

Sing with us

**Mais** Catch the sun

I’m getting better slowly See our new world

I’m a girl / I am strong Smell the mango blossom

I keep walking ahead Hear the sound of water singing

I go to school not knowing Hear the sound of water singing

If I will come back safe

**Narrator (Sop and Bar), Chorus 1 + 2 + 3**

**Chorus** Seize the power within

An-a qa-wi-a, An-a qa-wi-a Seize the power within

An-a qa-wi-a, An-a qa-wi-a

(transl. from Arabic*: I keep walking ahead!*) **Narrator (Sop), Chorus 3**

Dance with us….

**Mais**

I learn strength from my mother **Narrator (Bar), Choir 1, Choir 2,**

And small acts of love from my friends An-a qa-wi-a, An-a qa-wi-a

**Mais, Sorna, Eunice Chorus**

Small acts of love from my friends Seize the power within

**Narrator (Sop and Bar), Chorus**  **All**

An-a qa-wi-a An-a qa-wi-a Running, Running, Running

An-a qa-wi-a An-a qa-wi-a

Oua-se-lu’ mash -ya qu-du-man **Choir**

Oua-se-lu’ mash-ya qu-du-man *Breathing audibly….*

(transl. from Arabic: *We will never give up!*)