**Parshat Devarim (Deuteronomy) - Yoreh**

1. You wish to utter song before God? First to utter song, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do so, etc. Scripture supports this too, for it is written, *And it is written: Aha b. Hanina: He Himself does not rejoice, yet He causes others to rejoice. Scripture supports this too, for it is written, *And it is written:*

2. **Shemot Rabbah**

Another explanation: THEN SANG MOSES. It is written: The singers go before, the minstrels follow after (Ps. LXXVIII. 26). R. Johanan said: When the angels desired to chant song before God on that night when Israel crossed the Sea, the Holy One, blessed be He, prevented them, saying, My handiwork is drowning in the sea; would ye utter song before me! As soon as the Israelites emerged from the sea, the angels rushed in to be the first to utter song before God, but God said: Let my children be the first to do so; hence does it say, THEN SANG MOSES. It does not say shar, but ‘Az yashir’, because God said: Let Moses and the children of Israel be the first to sing.

3. **Sanhedrin 39b**

R. Aha b. Hanina said: [It is the song referred to in the verse.] When the wicked perished, there is song; [thus] when Ahab b. Omri perished there was ‘song’. Does the Holy One, blessed be He, rejoice over the downfall of the wicked? Is it not written, [That they should praise] before the Holy One, blessed be He, but He rebuked them, saying: My handiwork [the Egyptians] is drowning in the sea; would ye utter song before me! — Said R. Jose b. Hanina: He Himself does not rejoice, yet He causes others to rejoice. Scripture supports this too, for it is written, [And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do good... so yasis will the Lord] cause rejoicing [over you by destroying you], and not yasus [so will the Lord rejoice etc.] This prove it.