III. We are able to walk in God’s ways:

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arms, for love is strong as death, passion is tough as Sheol, its flashes are flashes of God’s flame. Great waters cannot extinguish love, and rivers cannot wash it out. Even were one to give all one’s household wealth to buy love, people would find it contemptible.

(Deuteronomy 30:11-14)

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Alternatives for second paragraph of the Shma:
Choose one or more of the following:

I. A Sign of Love Stronger than Death

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(Song of Songs 8:6-7)

II. We are obligated to walk in God’s ways:

This very day, the Eternal, your God, commands you to fulfill these customs and this justice, and make sure to do them with all your heart and with all your being. Today, you have avowed the ETERNAL to be your God, that you might walk in God’s ways, and observe God’s customs and obligations and justice, and hear God’s voice.

(Deuteronomy 26:16-17)
This word is true and enduring, right, good, and beautiful for every generation of our people.

Truth: You are our Source, our God, and God of our ancestors;
our Sovereign, our ancestors’ Sovereign;
our Redeemer, our ancestors’ Redeemer;
our Sculptor, the Rock of our salvation;
there is no God but You.

You are the helping companion of our fathers and mothers and of their children in every generation.

You dwell in the heights of the universe, yet Your justice is with the lowest of the earth.

Truth: You are the beginning and You are the end, and without You we have no salvation.

You redeemed us from Egypt and rescued us from a servant’s quarters.

You hewed the Sea of Reeds and brought loving friends through.

Therefore, the beloved sang praises and extolled God
Friends sang thanks to the living, enduring, liberating God:

The One toppling the haughty and raising the low, releasing the imprisoned, rescuing the humble, helping the poor and responding to Your people when they cry out.

Moses and Miriam and the Children of Israel responded to You with song.

With great joy, they all said:

continue “יהי ה’ עם לנו” the 3rd line p. 291
God made it our portion to unify the divine name; our destiny is to enthrone God.

Shehu sam helkenu
leyahed et shemo
vegoralenu lehamlih malhuto

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[top set above on 120-121, bottom on 444-445 (see old siddurim for example)]