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More Chants gathers post-1996 chants, updated periodically. It is included here as a text file, following the Chants Book.

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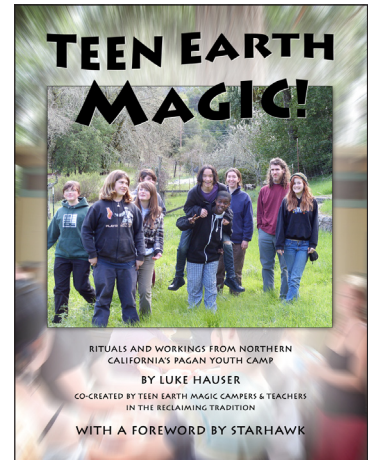
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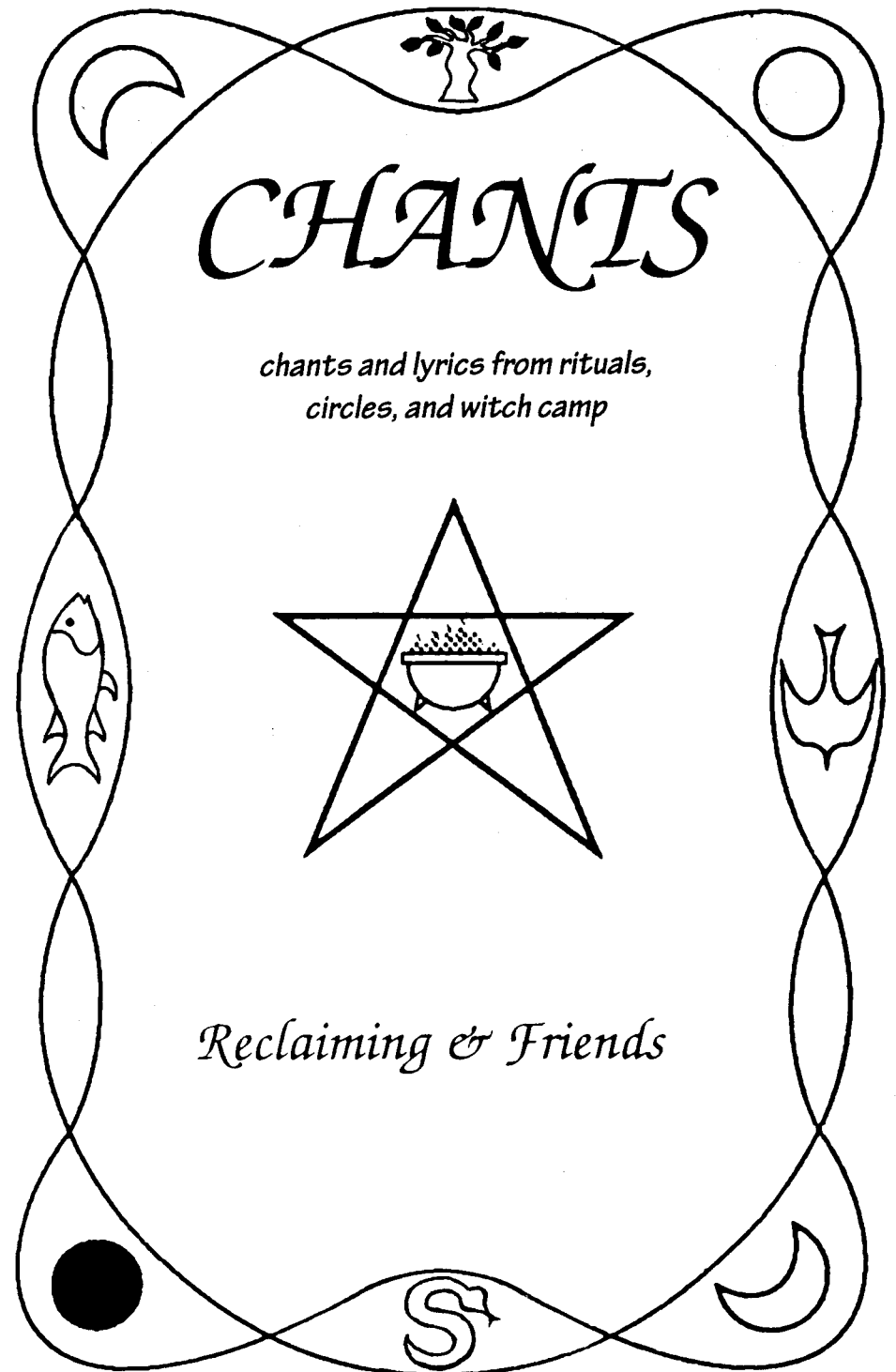
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Chants

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We reproduce these lyrics in hopes that they will be more widely used, and that people who know only part of a favorite chant or song will find the rest of the words here.

Because many of the selections here were passed on by “oral tradition,” we have been unable to identify authors for some of them. We apologize for the omission, and ask anyone who knows such credits to contact us — see below.

This is a first edition. We may produce a second, expanded edition. If you have a favorite song or chant that you want to see included, if you know a specific author or credit for a lyric included here, or if you have suggestions, please contact George Franklin c/o Reclaiming Quarterly — see below.

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invoking the directions and elements

The Earth, the Water The Fire, the Air

The Earth, the water, the fire, the air
return, return, return, return

— Michael Tierra



Earth My Body

Earth my body
Water my blood
Air my breath and
Fire my spirit

Powerful Song **

Powerful song of radiant light
weave us the web that spins the night
Web of stars that holds the dark
Weave us the Earth that feeds the spark

Descant:
Strand by strand, hand over hand
Thread by thread we weave our web

— Pandora, Starhawk, Rose May Dance

Welcome the Air

Welcome the air and the fire and the water
Welcome the Earth and the spirit that's within
Welcome the directions and elements, all sacred things
And honor their connection to that which is within

Welcome the east, inspiration and intellect
Welcome the air and the clarity that's within

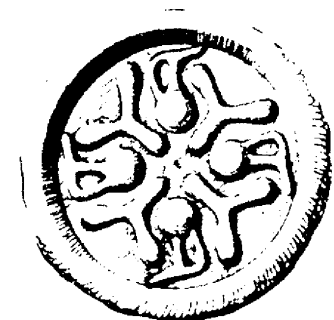
Welcome the south, creative will and passion
Welcome the south, and the energy within

Welcome the west, intuition and emotion
Welcome the west, and the empathy within

Welcome the north, the senses and the body
Welcome the north, and the harmony within

Welcome the center, infinity, eternity
Welcome the spirit, divinity within

— Pali A'Kala



Circle Casting Song **

Eastern Morning/First breath of the soul
World view forming/Sacred and whole
Wind of knowledge/Simple and wise
Bringer of the lightning/That strikes in our minds
Come to us — be here now

Southern fire/White rays of the sun
Source of will/That always is done
Heat of passion/Longing and need
You who push the Green one/Out of the seed
Come to us — be here now

Western river/Devotee of the moon
Gentle sculptor/Of babes in the womb
Spring of Jubilation/Courage and Tears
Giver of the sweet love/That soothes all our fears
Come to us — be here now

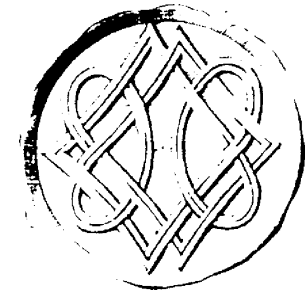
Northern mountain/Body of the Earth
Finite treasure/Of infinite worth
Cave of transformation/Childbirth and death
Suckler of the wild ones/Who curl upon your breast
Come to us — be here now

— Susan Falkenrath Wolf



Down Down Down

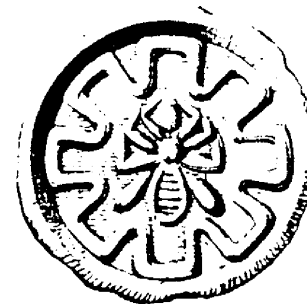
Down, Down, Down, Down
Anchor my soul
to the depths of the Earth
Nothing can sweep me
off my feet anymore
Centered and steady I stand



Water and Stone *

Solid as a rock
Safe within the harbor
Ancient as a stone
Strong as the sea
Solid as a rock
Set deep within the Mother
And water that flows around me

— Raven Moonshadow



Sweet Water Rolling

Sweet water rolling, Sweet water roll
Rolling from the fountain, Rolling from the fountain
Sweet water rolling, Sweet water roll

Come Earth

Come Earth , Come air , Come fire, Come water (3x)
Bring us the power to heal

We are a Circle Within a Circle

We are a circle within a circle
With no beginning and never ending

You hear us sing, you hear us cry
Now hear us call you, spirits of air and sky

Inside our hearts, there glows a spark
Love and desire, a burning fire

Within our blood, within our tears
There lies the altar of living water

Take our fear, take our pain
Take the darkness into the Earth again

The circle closes between the worlds
To mark this sacred space where we come face to face

— *Rick Hamouris*



Born of Water *

Born of water
Cleansing, powerful
Healing, changing
We are
Born of water
Gentle, powerful
Healing, changing
We are

— *Women's Workshop*

Rise with the Fire *

And we can rise with the fire of freedom
Truth is the fire that burns our chains
And we can stop the fire of destruction
Healing is the fire running through our veins

— *Starhawk*

Air Moves Us *

Air moves us
Fire transforms us
Water shapes us
Earth heals us
And the balance of the wheel
Goes round and round
And the balance of the wheel goes round.

— *Cathleen Shell, Cybele, Moonsea, Prune*

Whirlwind Woman

Dancing in the desert (forest, autumn, etc)
Underneath the moon
Whirling like a whirlwind woman
Warm air spins around me
Wrapping me in Her cocoon
Whirling like a whirlwind woman

In the desert night, my spirit takes flight (2x)

— *by Sally*

Air I Am *

Air I am, fire I am
water, earth, and spirit I am

— *Andras Corbin*



the sun's birthday

i who have died am alive again
today
this is the sun's birthday
this is the birthday of life and love
and wings
the gay great happening,
illimitably earth

— *from e.e. cummings*

Spiraling into the Center

Spiraling into the center
The center of our soul (2x)
We are the weavers
We are the woven ones
We are the dreamers
We are the dream

Wings of a Hawk

And the east wind comes on the wings of a hawk
And the east wind comes on the wings of a hawk
And She circles high with Her piercing eye
And with piercing eye She knows our hearts

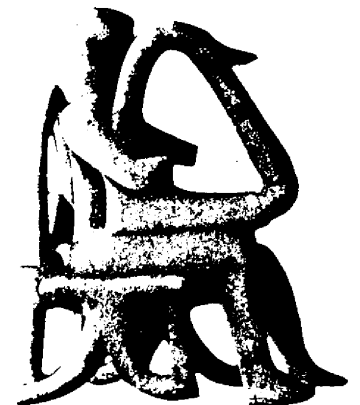
And the south fire is Her passion a-flame
And the south fire is Her passion a-flame
And Her fires rise and Her blood runs hot
Flowing through our veins to warm our hearts

And Her waters are clear mountain springs
And Her waters are clear mountain springs
Cool and sweet to taste as we kneel to drink
Cool and sweet to taste to quench our thirst

And the north Earth is Her darkness within
And the north Earth is Her darkness within
And within the dark of Her silent womb
Deep within the dark we are born

And the center is Her cauldron of change
And the center is Her cauldron of change
With the wild realm of all possibilities
All possibilities within our hearts

— *David Miller*



The Circle We Spin

Chorus:

The sun comes up and the sun goes down
The moon in the sky goes round and round
Winter, spring, summer, fall
The circle we spin is the circle in all

Eastern wind in the dawn so bright
Blow away the fears of night
What was lost will rise anew
The circle in me is the circle in you

Beating heart and burning fire
Fan the flames of our desire
What was lost...

Ocean wave and cleansing rain
Bring us love and ease our pain
What was lost...

Constant star in the midnight sky
Roots so deep and branches high
What was lost...

First we're born and then we die
The moon makes a circle in the sky
What was lost...



Come to Me

Power of the winds, come to me (2x)
Come to me on the wings of dawn
Power of the winds, come to me

Power of the flame, come to me (2x)
Come to me, bring sparks of change
Power of the flame, come to me

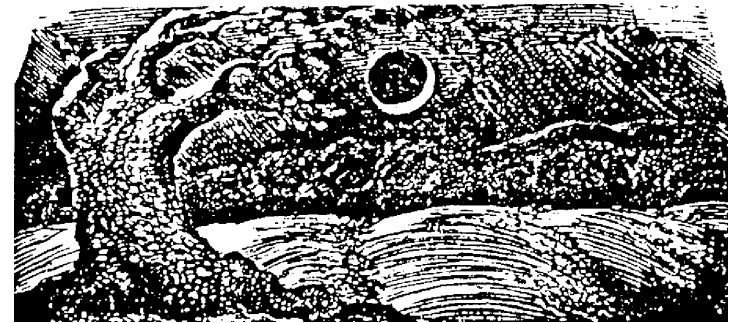
Power of the ocean, come to me (2x)
Come to me, swim through my dreams
Power of the ocean, come to me

Power of the darkness, come to me (2x)
Come to me, oh Earthen flesh
Power of the darkness, come to me

Power of the spiral, come to me (2x)
Come to weave me in your web
Power of the spiral, come to me

Power of the grandmothers come to me
Power of the spirits, come to me
Come to me from your watchtowers
Power of the guardians, come to me

— by *Brigid*



invoking the goddess

In Her Peace

In Her peace, in Her peace
In Her wisdom, find release
I am Goddess, I am Goddess

Beautiful Woman

Beautiful woman, welcome
Beautiful woman, welcome
Fire and spirit, beauty and wisdom
Beautiful woman, welcome

Lady Weave Your Circle Tight

Lady, weave your circle tight
Spin a web of glowing light
Earth and air and fire and water
Bind us to you

The Earth is our Mother

The Earth is our Mother, We must take care of Her (2x)
Hey, yona, Ho yona, Hey na ha (2x)
Her sacred ground we walk upon, with every step we take (2x)

— adapted from a Hopi chant

She's Been Waiting

She's been waiting, waiting
She's been waiting so long
She's been waiting for Her children
To remember to come home

— Paula Walowitz



Snake Woman *

Snake Woman, shedding Her skin (2x)
Shedding, shedding, shedding Her skin (2x)
Bird Woman taking flight...
Star Woman shining bright...
Moon Woman riding the night...
Blossom Woman opening wide...

— Starhawk



Touching Her Deep *

Touching Her deep
Deep in our center

— Feather Singing

Goddess Medley *

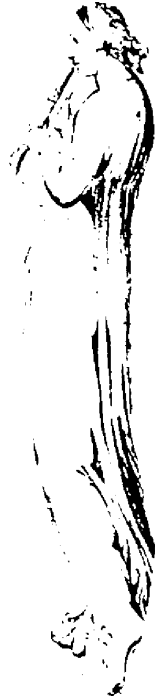
1. Isis, Astarte, Diana, Hecate, Demeter, Kali, Inanna

2. We are an old people
We are a new people
We are the same people
Deeper than before

3. I am a strong woman
I am a story woman
I am a healer
My soul will never die

4. We are an old planet
We are a new planet
We are the same planet
Greener than before

— Deena Metzger, morning
feather (Will
Shepardson),
Greenham Common,
Jess Shoup



Ice Cream, A Tart

Ice cream, a tart, coffee, pecan pie, peach cobbler, banana

— Radical Faeries

Return to the Mother *

poem:
All over the world
The waters are breaking
Everywhere, everywhere
The waters are breaking

chant:
And so return
Return, return
Return to the Mother

— Judy Grahn/Wind Hags

We All Come From the Goddess *

We all come from the Goddess
And to Her we shall return
Like a drop of rain
Flowing to the ocean

Hoof and horn, Hoof and Horn
All that dies shall be reborn
Corn and grain, Corn and grain
All that falls shall rise again

— Z. Budapest, Ian Corrigan

Additional verse:
Wax and wane, wax and wane
All that dies shall live again



Koré Chant *

She changes everything She touches
And everything She touches changes

Her name cannot be spoken, Her face was not forgotten
Her power is to open, Her promise can never be broken

All seeds She deeply buries, She weaves the thread of seasons
Her secret, darkness carries, She loves beyond all reason

All sleeping seeds She wakens, The rainbow is Her token
Now winter's power is taken, In love all chains are broken

Everything lost is found again, In a new form, in a new way
Everything hurt is healed again, In a new time, in a new day

Bright as a flower and strong as a tree
With our love and with our rage
Breaking our chains so we can be free
With our love and with our rage

We are, Changers, Everything we touch can change

Change is, Touch is, Touch is, Change is

Change us, Touch us, Touch us, Change us

— *Lauren Liebling, Starhawk*

Additional verse::

There is a woman who weaves the night sky
See how She spins, see Her fingers fly
She is within us, beginning to end
She is our Mother, our sister, our friend

Rhiannon **

Rhiannon carry us
Rhiannon carry us
Rhiannon carry us over

Crossing the threshold from
Sleeping to waking from
Birthing to dying and over

— *Thorn Coyle*



Shining Silver Wheel *

Holy Maiden Huntress
Artemis, Artemis
Maiden, Come to us

Silver Shining Wheel
Of radiance, radiance
Mother, Come to us

Ancient Queen of Wisdom
Hecate, Cerridwen
Old One, Come to us

Holy Shining Sunlight
Radiant, radiant
Brother, Come to us

— *Peter Soderberg*

Barge of Heaven **

Your crescent shaped barge of heaven
So well belayed, so well belayed
Full of loveliness like the new moon
Your fertile fields well-watered
Hillock lands well-watered, too
At your mighty rising
The vines rise up and the fields rise up
And the desert fills with green
Just like a living garden
In the heat of the sun, you are the shade
A well of water in a dry, dry land
Swelling fruits to feed the hungry
Sweet cream to quench our thirst
Pour it out for me, pour it out for me
Everything you send me I will drink

— *Adapted by Starhawk from Sumerian,
translated by Thorkild Jacobsen*



Hecate, Cerridwen *

Hecate, Cerridwen
Dark Mother, take us in
Hecate, Cerridwen
Let us be reborn

— *Patricia Witt*



Inanna **

We go down as She goes down
We follow Her underground
Hail to Inanna
Who dies to become whole
And deep calls to deep
The veils drop by on our way
As we pass through the gates
With Inanna as our guide
We find truth in deepest night
And deep calls to deep

— *Suzanne Sterling*

Return of the Goddess **

One thing you can know is true
I'm coming back to you the way I always do

— *Rose May Dance*

Who Is She **

Who is She?/She is the Young One
With shining eyes and fearless heart
She brings the dawn
Who is She?/She is the Young One
The daring dreamer
She runs alone/She runs alone
O silver crescent
Thou lovely Maiden
Come, Young One, come

Who is She?/She is the Lover
Her bones and blood are of the Earth
She holds us all
Who is She?/She is the Lover
Unfailing beauty
She walks in power/She walks in power
O blessed full moon
Thou sacred Mother
Come, Lover, come

Who is She?/She is the Old One
Who has survived beyond Her fear
She laughs out loud
Who is She?/She is the Old One
With love and wisdom
She leads the way/She leads the way
O waning gold moon
Thou honored Crone Queen
Come, Old One, come

Who is She?

— *Vibra and Susan Falkenrath Wolf*



The Fates

chorus:
In the cave of Destiny
She spins, She weaves, She cuts.
Our fate is fashioned by These Three,
She spins, She weaves, She cuts.

Whether we walk with light or heavy tread
Our lives flow from the end of Her silken thread.
(chorus)

In the den of the Wise, Her shuttle
'cross our tapestry flies.
(chorus)

When the weaving is done,
She cuts the threads of life that were spun.
(chorus)

— *Thorn Coyle*



The Lady's Bransle

For She will bring the buds in spring
And laugh among the flowers
In summer's heat Her kisses are sweet
She sleeps in leafy bowers
She cuts the cane and gathers the grain
When fruits of fall surround Her
Her bones grow old in wintry cold
She wraps Her cloak around Her

— *Hope Ahern*

invoking both goddess and god

Radiant & Bright

She is radiant, She is bright
She is shining, crowned with light

He is radiant, He is bright
He is shining, He takes flight



Shakti/Shiva

Shakti, trembling
Shakti, all through us

Shiva Shiva Shiva Shiva
Full in darkness
Full in light

— Beverly Frederick

Lady Spin Your Circle/Herme, Horned One

Lady spin your circle bright, Weave your web of dark and light
Earth, Air, Fire, Water, Bind us to you

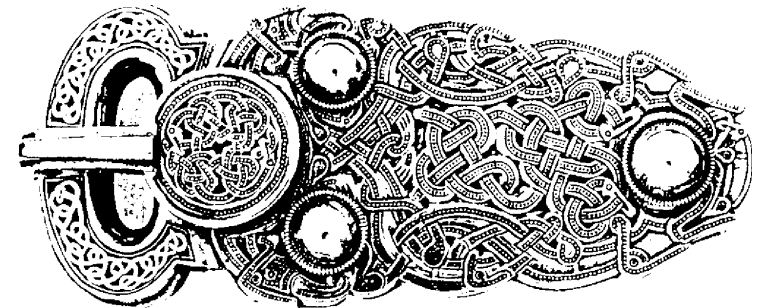
Herme, Horned One, Hunter 'neath the northern sun
Watcher at the gates of winter, Flame on the wind

— verses are to the tune of *Hey, Ho, Nobody Home*

Ride With Me/We Shall All Be Free

Danu is the Mother
Sulis is the sun
Rhiannon, Welsh Lady of the sea
Bridget, bride of spring
Cerridwen takes us in
and Morgan, the mistress of the magic.
Epona ride with me
Epona let me ride with thee
Epona, we shall all be free

Dagda is the father
Mabon is the son
Manannon, great lord of the sea
Green Man is the spring
and Arawn, takes us in
and Merlin, the master of the magic
Cernunnus hunt with me
Cernunnus let me hunt with thee
Cernunnus, we shall all be free



invoking the god

Sun King (Lugh's Song) *

O tell me why, O tell me why
Tell me why must the clouds come to darken the sky?
O tell me why, O tell me why
Tell me why must the clouds come to darken the sky?

This is the wake of Lugh the Sun King
He lost His life on the Solstice day
This is wake of Lugh the Sun King
He steps into the dark and guides the way

— *Raven Moonshadow*



Horned One

Horned one, Mothers son
Leaper in the corn
Deep within the Mother
Die and be reborn

— *Raven Moonshadow /
Feather Singing*

His Mystery **

Darkness, the sound of the unknown
He calls us, His mystery unfolds
His riddles; A fire from deep inside
Rekindles memories of night
Forest and Antler we run with the deer
Fleet as the roebuck, his breath draws us near

— *Stephan Schoenfield*

Come on Down/God Invocation

Come on, come on down
Come on, come on down
Come on, come on down
Come on, come on down

Hey hey up there, with your head in the clouds
Lend us an ear, we call out loud
In a voice as strong as our heart's desire
Words that burn, (clap) like a fire
Of a faith that could move a magic mountain
Hope a-flowing like a quicksilver fountain
And a love as secure as the Earth is round
Come on, come on down

Like a wild free bird that can't be tamed
Like desires, that need no name
Like an age-old branch that becomes a flame
When the fire stops burning, what remains?
It's the sacred word that you can't define
It's the colors that run outside the line
It's the shiver running up and down your spine
Break the pattern and you'll find a new design
Hey join us, if you dare
I'm sure you must get lonely up there
But I believe that whatever is lost could be found
If you come on, come on down

— *George Franklin (some lyrics adapted from Starhawk)*

*See also page 22 for chants invoking both
the goddess and the god*

general chants & lyrics

Never Lose Our Way to the Well

We will never
Never lose our way to the well
Of Her memory
And the power
Of Her living flame it will rise, It will rise again

Like the grasses
Through the dark, through the soil, to the sunlight
We will rise again
We are thirsting
For the waters of life we are moving, We will live again

— *Starhawk, Rose May Dance, Raven Moonshadow*

We Are the Flow *

We are the flow, we are ebb
We are the weavers, we are the web

— *Shekhinah Mountainwater*

I Circle Around



I circle around, I circle around
The boundaries of the Earth
Wearing my long winged feathers as I fly

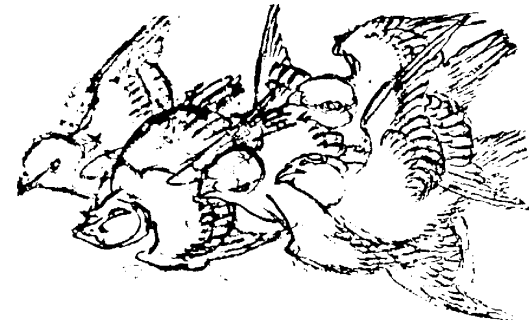
— *Arapaho Ghost Dance song*

We Dance the Gift

We dance the gift of the summer's sun in flight
We turn the wheel to the passing of the light

Into the dark, goodbye, goodbye (2x)

— *Thorn Coyle*



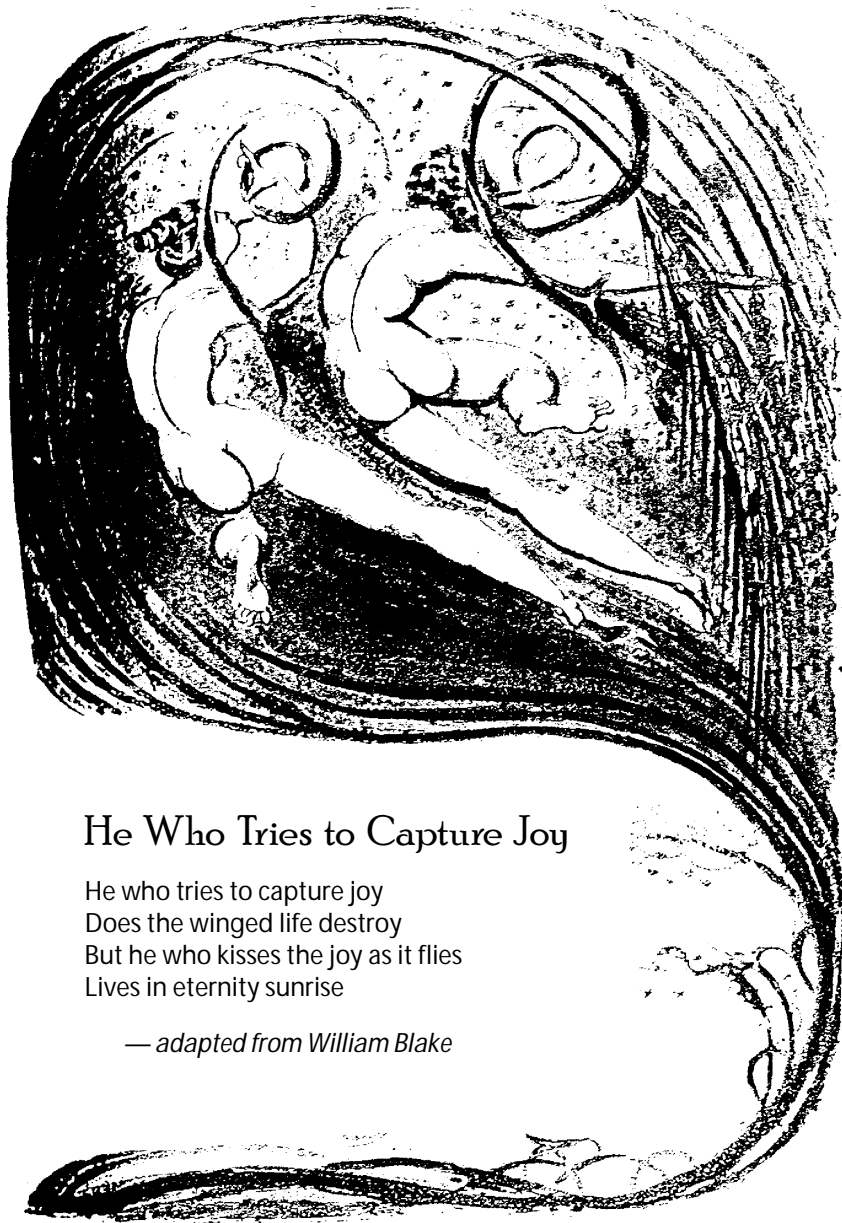
Days and Days

Days and days rolling over me
Waves and waves on the open sea
Night is falling, starlight calling your name

— *Robin Weaver*

You Can't Kill the Spirit

You can't kill the spirit
She is like a mountain
Old and strong
She goes on and on and on



He Who Tries to Capture Joy

He who tries to capture joy
Does the winged life destroy
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in eternity sunrise

— *adapted from William Blake*

The River Is Flowing

The river is flowing (or: The river She is flowing)
Flowing and growing
The river is flowing
Down to the sea
Mother carry me
Your child I will always be (or: A child I will bear for thee)
Mother carry me
Down to the sea

Weave and Spin

Weave and spin, Weave and spin
This is how the work begins
Mend and heal , Mend and heal
Take the dream and make it real

On the same wheel we spin
Into life and out again
One is many, many one
Brewing in Her cauldron

Cerridwen, Cerridwen
Birth us in your cauldron

— *Starhawk*

I am the Healer

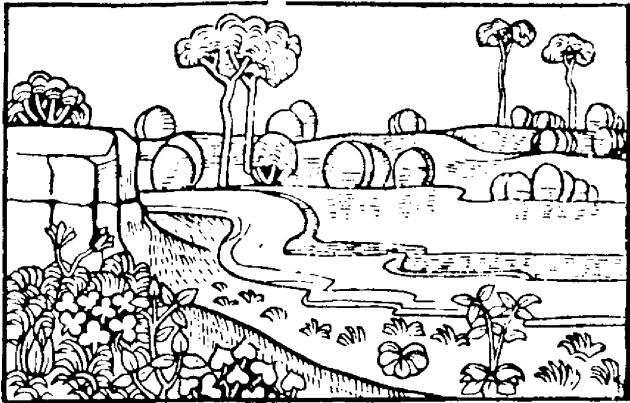
I am the healer of my own self
I love me stronger than anyone else
I wanna be the best me I can be
I won't go anywhere without you inside me

We Are the Witches

We are the witches who will never be burned
We are the witches who have learned what it is to be free
We will rise up from the flames
Higher and higher and higher
Fire's strength we will reclaim
Higher and higher and higher

Fire of love is burning bright
Higher and higher and higher
Flickering and dancing in the night
Higher and higher and higher

Weave your power with the wind
We will charge and we will spin
Higher and higher and higher



Peace of the River

I take delight in the peace of the river
Flowing so gently to the strength of the sea
I take delight in the love that is flowing
Just like a river between you and me

Harvest Chant **

Our hands will work for peace and justice
Our hands will work to heal the land
Our feet will trace Her moving patterns
Let us dance and bless the land
[alternate final two lines:]
Gather round the harvest table
Let us feast and bless the land]

Take the gift of love and death
Take the gift of blood and bone
Weave the circle breath by breath
Build the vision stone by stone

— Thorn Coyle, *Starhawk*



My Roots Go Down

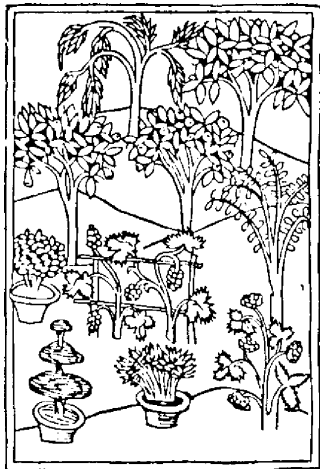
My roots go down, Down into the ground (3x)
My roots go down
I am a redwood by the forest
I am a willow by the water
I am an oak tree by a hill
My roots go down

Hundreds of Ways

Let the beauty you love
Be what you do
There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground.

Let the beauty we love
Be what we do
There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the Earth.

— Rumi



On the Same Wheel We Spin

On the same wheel we spin
Into (out of) life and out (in) again
One is many, many one
Brewing in Her cauldron

Oh Come Into the Garden

Oh come into the garden
Into the garden, where your heart lies
Roses and lilies bloom
Rosemary and thyme
Oh come into the garden
Into the garden, where your heart lies.

— Hilary Valentine

Cauldron of Changes

Cauldron of changes, blossom of bone
Arc of eternity, Hole in the stone

— Holy Terror coven

You Can't Kill the Spirit

You can't kill the spirit, She is like a mountain
Old and strong, She goes on and on and on

We Are the Body of the Earth

We are the body of the Earth
The Earth is the body of the stars
We are the stars that circle from life to
death to birth (2x)

What is your star? (2x)
What do you bring to birth?
What is your star?

— Starhawk



The Beginning of the Earth *

The ocean is the beginning of the Earth
All life comes from the sea

— Delaney Johnson, Starhawk

Blood of the Ancients

It's the blood of the Ancients, that flows through our veins
And the forms pass, but the circle of life remains

— *Charlie Murphy*

Fly Fly Fly

Fly, fly, fly
The leaves are leaving the branch
Cold are the winds
Winter is coming

— *sing as a round, second voice enters as
first voice sings "branch"*

Dancing Circles in the Night

If the people live their lives
As if it were a song, for singing out of light
Provides the music for the stars
To be dancing circles in the night

Life is a Vapor

Life is a vapor, full of woes
She cuts a caper, down She goes
Down She, down She, down She, down She
Down She goes

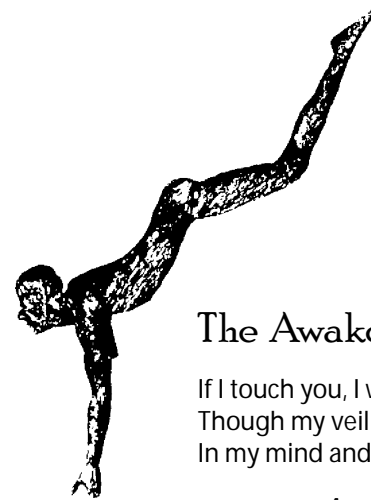
— *Golden Book of Songs*

We Are Alive *

We are alive, As the Earth is alive
We have the power, To fight for our freedom

If we have courage we can be healers
Like the sun We shall rise

— *Rose May Dance, Starhawk*



Free the Heart **

Free the heart and let it go
What we reap is what we sow

The Awakening **

If I touch you, I will know you
Though my veil be drawn, you're glowing
In my mind and soul and body

— *Anne Hill*

The Fool **

Night and stars are falling down
A wild breeze is blowing
Earth and Moon are whirling round
The fool walks through the door

— *Suzanne Sterling*

Wings **

Wandering in the deep of the night
A thousand birds take flight
And our dreams are born
On the wings of change
We are weaving the world tonight

— *Suzanne Sterling and Witchcampers*



All Shall Be Well

All shall be well (2x)
All manner of things shall be well

_____ shall be well (2x)
All manner of things shall be well

— *Buddhist meditation*

Where Shall We Go

Where shall we go
To find our home?
How will we love?
How will we be friends?

When We Are Gone **

When we are gone, they will remain
Wind and rock, fire and rain
They will remain, when we return
The wind will blow, and the fire will burn

— *Starhawk and Anne Hill*

Where There's Fear There's Power *

Where there's fear there's power
Passion is the healer
Desire cracks open the gate
If you're ready it'll take you through

But nothing lasts forever
Time is the destroyer
The wheel turns again and again
Watch out, it'll take you through

But nothing dies forever
Nature is the renewer, The wheel turns again and again
If you're ready it'll take you through

— *Starhawk*

Every Step I Take

Every step I take is a healing step (2x)
Healing, healing
Healing my body
Healing, healing
Healing the Earth

— *Donald Engstrom*

Let It Begin Now

Let it begin with each step we take
And let it begin with each change we make
And let it begin with each chain we break
And let it begin every time we awake

— *Starhawk*

We are the Power in Everyone

We are the power in everyone
We are the dance of the moon and sun
We are the hope that will not hide
We are the turning of the tide

— *Starhawk*



We Are One with the Infinite Sun

We are one with the infinite sun
forever and ever and ever

— *Native American chant*

Cycles of the Moon

Cycles of the moon, the stars, the Earth
Secrets of the path from death to birth
Keeper of the flame, the source, the light
Presence of the deep, the dark, the night

— *George Franklin*

Sparks **

Sparks from the hearth
Of the Queen of Death and Life
Swarm through the dark
Dance through the dark.

— *Robin Gall*



Gone Gone Beyond

Gone
Gone
Gone beyond
Gone beyond, beyond
Hail the goer

Gaté
Gaté
Para gaté
para sam gaté
bodhi sva ha

— *Buddhist chant*



Goodnight Fair Witches

Goodnight fair witches
Lay down your head and rest
Lay down your weary head and be the mountain's guest
The stars will guide you, your dreams will do the rest
So I bid you goodnight, goodnight, goodnight

If I Touch You

If I touch you, I will know you
Though my veil be drawn, you're glowing
In my mind and soul and body

I Am But One **

Twelfth Brother

I am but one
I am but half and half
I move between the worlds
I bring your message to the world

Janet

I hear a voice
It calls from far away
I move between the worlds
I go in spite of what they say

Faerie Queen

You'll shed no tears
You'll hear no human cry
You shall in beauty dwell
And you will never ever die

Tam Lin

My eyes are jewels
My heart is fire
Come hold me fast to you
You will have all that you desire

Janet

I hear a call
It comes from far away
I'll follow where it leads
Beyond the gates of night and day

— *Rose May Dance, Jan Bates*



Weaver Weaver

Weaver, Weaver, weave (Her) thread
Whole and strong into your web
Healer, Healer, heal (Her) pain
In love may (She) return again

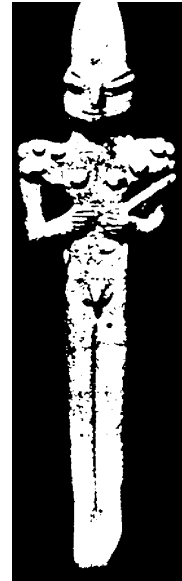
We are dark and we are bright
We are formed of earth and light
Of joy and pain our lives are spun
But all too soon the spinning's done

No one knows why we are born
A web is made, a web is torn
Like wandering seabirds we alight
To rest one moment, then take flight

So may (She) find the hidden way
Beyond the gates of night and day
To that sweet land where apples grow
And endless healing waters flow

Of that spring, may (She) drink deep
And wake to dream, and die to sleep
And dreaming spin another form
A shining thread of life reborn

— *Starhawk*



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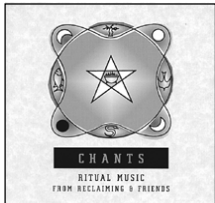
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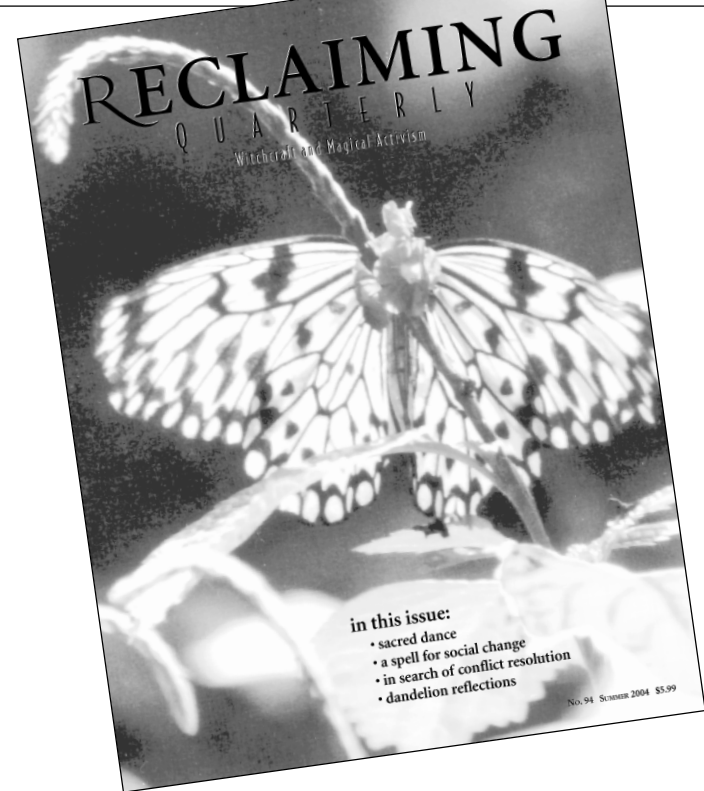
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***LET THE BEAUTY WE LOVE

Let the beauty we love, be what we do

There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground

-- words by Rumi, arranged by Jeffrey Alphonsus Mooney

NEVER LOSE OUR WAY TO THE WELL

We will never, never lose our way

To the well of her memory (liberty)

And the power of her living flame

It will rise, it will rise again

(song is recorded as part of Starhawk's meditation, Way to the Well, available as download or streaming at all outlets)

WELCOME BRIGDHE

Welcome Brighde

O Brighde is come

Brighde is welcome

-- The Goddess's name is pronounced "Breed" for this chant

HOLY WELL and SACRED FLAME

Holy well and sacred flame (repeat many times, overlap)

Alternate words: Epsom salts and alcohol

OPENING UP IN SWEET SURRENDER

We are opening up in sweet surrender to the luminous love-light of the One (Sun) (2x)

We are opening, we are opening (2x)

-- by Anna Moffett

EARTH MY BODY/TIERRA MI CUERPO

Earth my body, water my blood,

Air my breath and Fire my spirit

Tierra mi cuerpo, Agua mi sangre

Aire mi aliento y fuego mi espiritu

HUMBLE YOURSELF IN THE ARMS OF THE WILD

Humble yourself in the arms of the wild, you gotta lay down low and

Humble yourself in the arms of the wild, you gotta ask what she knows and

We shall lift each other up, higher and higher (2x)

***MY SOUL

Chorus: If my soul says so, I do as my soul says (3x)

Verse: I am breathing, I am willing, I am open

I am stepping out into the unknown

I am walking, though uncertain, I am willing

To listen to the yearning in my soul

--by Suzanne Sterling and Jeffree Alphonsus Mooney

***WE ARE THE RISING SUN

We are the rising sun

We are the change

We are the ones we've been waiting for

And we are dawning...

-- by Ravyn Stanfield

***COME THE NIGHT, ON

Come, come the night, on

It is the time of growing

It is the time of changing

Come, come the night, on

-- by Maxina Ventura, Winter Solstice, 2002

WELCOME/FAREWELL TO THE ELEMENTS

Welcome the air, and the fire and the water

Welcome the earth, and the spirit that's within

REVERSE DIRECTIONS TO DEVOKE:

Farewell to spirit, to earth, and to water

Farewell to fire, and the air that's all around

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HOLD ON

Hold on, hold on

Through the darkness, until the dawn

Hold on, hold on

Hold the vision, until it's born

-- By Brook Schoenfeld and Starhawk

THE HOUSE OF LOVE

Take off your head (mask)

Put it on the ground (Smash it on the ground, Bury it in the ground)

That's how you enter

The house of love

I wanna stay in my body

I 'm gonna be here a long time

-- by Contraband

TO THE CROSSROADS

To the crossroads I must go

To find a world unseen

Fear and wonder will I know

And be a bridge between

Come away my human child
To find the world unseen
Know the hearth and know the wild
And be a bridge between

Come away oh human child
Come take me by the hand
To the water and the wild
Into another land

You will shed no human tear
And hear no human cry
You shall in beauty dwell
And you will never die

-- from W. B. Yeats

FLY, FLY, FLY

Fly, fly, fly

The leaves are leaving the branch

Cold are the winds,

Winter is coming

-- sing as a round, starting second voice as first voice sings "branch"

BLOOD OF MY FAMILY

In my veins runs the blood of my family

The blood of my family, the blood of my family

In my veins runs the blood of my family

The blood of my family in me

2. Under my skin lie the bones of my family

3. On my head is the hair of my family

4. I'm singing now with the voice of my family

-- by George Franklin - written at Witchlets in the Woods 2004 for Older Kids' Path

ADDITIONAL VERSES BY SEED AND GEORGE:

5. In my mouth is the spit of my family

6. Up my nose is the snot of my family
7. Behind my back is the butt of my family

MAGICAL ACTIVISM CHANT

Let's feed the seeds of justice
beneath the cold concrete.
the powers of love are rising
and breaking through the streets
-- by Starhawk and Loreleycampers

DUTCH GROUNDING CHANT

diep, diep, diep, diep,
diep in de aarde
onder de grond
daar ligt mijn krachtbron

met wortels
vanaf mijn kont
diep, diep, diep

[IN ENGLISH:]

deep, deep, deep,
deep down in the earth
beneath the grass
lies my source of power
with roots growing
from my ass

deep, deep, deep
-- by Yoeke, Lorely Camp

WHEN THERE IS A SHADOW

when there is a shadow
there must be light
the sun at daytime
and the stars at night
and they all live together
in me, uh-huh-huh

-- by Brook and Yoeke, Lorely Cam

FROM THE EARTH AND BACK AGAIN

From the Earth and back again
Hold to life and live again
Sit with death and be again
From the Earth and back again
From the Earth and back again
-- by Maxina Ventura

LIGHT IS RETURNING

Light is returning
even though this is the darkest hour
no one can hold
back the dawn

Let's keep it burning
let's keep the light of hope alive
make safe our journey
through the storm

One planet is turning
tracing a path around the sun
earth mother is calling
Her children home
-- By Charlie Murphy, from the 1970s album, "Canticles of Light"

LADY SPIN YOUR CIRCLE BRIGHT

Lady spin your circle bright
Weave a web of dark and light
Earth, Air, Fire and Water
Bind us as one

PEOPLE OF THE EARTH TRIBE

People of the Earth Tribe rise,
People of the Earth Tribe rise, unite and
People of the Earth Tribe rise

Earth, Water, Fire, Air - we are everywhere (2x)

-- by Joules Graves

I AM OF THE MINERALS

I Am of the Minerals

I Am of the Plants

I Am of the Animals

I Am of the Dance

I THANK THE EARTH

I thank the Earth for feeding my body

I thank the sun for warming my bones

I thank the trees for the air I breath, And

I thank the water for nourishing my soul

-- by Ina Hata

*** SWEET WATER

We are sweet water, and we are the seed

We are the storm clouds that blow away greed

We are the new world that springs to birth

A river arising to reclaim the Earth

-- by Starhawk

KEEP BREATHING

Keep breathing, it's the most important part

You kick kick kick and then you glide

You kick kick kick and then you glide

It's all in the rhythm, it's all in the rhythm

It's all in the rhythm of the heart

BELOVED (I WOULD KNOW MYSELF IN ALL MY PARTS)

I would know myself in all my parts, beloved

I would know myself in all my parts, beloved

(High) I would know you, I would know

(Low) Come abide with me, healing and whole

-- by Seed (Calla Unsworth)

***THE WELCOME FLAME (SPARK, BLAZE, EMBER, ASH)

Let the fire rise in me, and let it move me

Spark, Blaze, Ember, Ash

Whoa, Whoa, the welcome flame

Spark, Blaze, Ember, Ash

-- by Seed (Calla Unsworth)

STEP INTO THE FLOW

Step into the flow and then I let it go

I open my mind, my heart, and my soul

I surrender, I surrender

I surrender, I open my mind, my heart, and my soul

CIRCLE TURNING, CAULDRON BURNING

Circle turning, cauldron burning

Let us be reborn

Sacred center, spirit enter

Life goes on and on

IF I TOUCH YOU

If I touch you I will know you

Though your veil be drawn, you're glowing

In my mind and soul and body

LIKE THE MOON

Like the moon reflects the sun

You and I reflect each one

There are forces we cannot see

They're inside us, they invite us to be free

-- Jeffrey Alphonsus Mooney

WATER WATER WATER

Water water water

Powers of the west

Changing moving

Waters flowing free
Bienvendio Agua
Poderes del Oeste
changing moving
waters flowing free
Water water water
The river of the long Human beings
changing moving
waters flowing free
Bienvendino del Oeste
Aguas del mundo
Welcome water
Waters of the world
-- By Georgia Midnight Crow, Spiralheart Witchcamp 2006

WYRD SISTERS

Three from the hall beneath the tree
Is, Was, and Shall Be
Come Wyrd Sisters, Swoop to the ground
Loosen the web that binds us down
-- Beverly and Witchcampers

WEIRD SISTERS

Urd, weird sister, time is thee,
Is, was, and what shall be.
Skuld is moving us along,
Like a clockwork stern and strong.
Verdandi is what there is
What you see and what you miss.
Come and weave your golden webs
From spaceless beads and timeless threads.
-- By Sabine Inanna Farrier, July 2008

***WEAVE & SPIN

Weave and spin, weave and spin
This is how the work begins

Mend and heal, mend and heal
Take the dream and make it real
On the same wheel we spin
Into life and out again
One is many, many one
Brewing in Her cauldron

Strand by strand, hand over hand
Thread by thread, we weave our web
-- by Starhawk

*****BODY OF THE EARTH**

We are of the body of the Earth
The Earth is of the body of the stars
We are stars that circle from life to death to birth
We are stars that circle from life to death to birth

Strand by strand, hand over hand
Thread by thread, we weave our web
-- by Starhawk

*****CYCLES OF THE MOON**

Cycles of the moon, the stars, the Earth
Ecrets of the path from death to birth
Keeper of the flame, the source, the night
Presenc eof the deep, the dark, the night
Stay with me a while
Spirits of the Nile

-- by George Franklin

*****WAKE AGAIN**

Wake again, wake again
Wake again, life is calling to you

-- by Maxina Ventura

***CIRCLE ROUND THE BALEFIRE

Circle round the balefire, friends

Circle round, it never ends

All is holy, prayer is song

Spirit rising, you belong

-- by Laurie Lovekraft

***THE WHEEL OF THE YEAR

The wheel of the year goes round and round

Round and round, round and round

The wheel of the year goes round and round

All through time.

Brigid is the time of the cauldron fire...

Spring Equinox means colored eggs...

Beltane is the time of the Maypole dance...

Summer Soletice is the longest day...

Lammas is the time we bake our bread...

Fall Equinox means harvest time...

Samhain is the time we spiral dance...

Winter Solstice is the longest night...

-- by Teen Earth Magic

***HARVEST CHANT

Our hands will work for peace and justice

Our hands will work to heal the land

Gather round the harvest table

Let us feast and bless the land

-- by T. Thorn Coyle

***WE ARE THE POWER IN EVERYONE

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We are the hope that will not hide

We are the turnign of the tide

-- by Starhawk

***RISING OF THE MOON

We are the rising of the moon
We are the shifting of the ground
We are the seed that takes root
When we bring the fortress down
-- by Starhawk

KEEP RISING, FLYING HIGHER

We dare to name desire
Dance closer to the fire
Leave fear upon the pyre
Keep rising, flying higher!
-- by Amy Clark & Witchcampers

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