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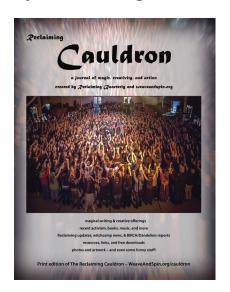


A special feature from Reclaiming Quarterly & WeaveAndSpin.org

New from Reclaiming Quarterly

The Reclaiming Cauldron

a journal of magic, creativity, and action



The Reclaiming Cauldron is an experimental journal of writings, artwork, photography, music, video – and even some funny stuff!

This PDF is an excerpt from our first – and possible only – issue.

Find the entire journal – print edition or free PDF – at our webpage:

WeaveAndSpin.org/cauldron

The Cauldron was initiated by a Spring 2020 magical writing class. We put out a call in July for more writings, artwork, photos, music, etc, and pretty soon we had 150 pages of creativity, book excerpts, music playlists, photographs...

For more information, visit our webpage (above) or email us (see footer).

Campfire Chants – our latest album!

Join us around the witchcamp balefire for 18 classic Reclaiming chants written by Starhawk, Suzanne Sterling, T. Thorn Coyle, and others.

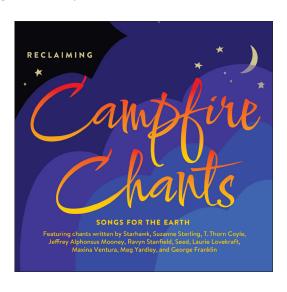
The album features many of Reclaiming's most-loved chants of the 2000s.

Recorded by a mixed chorus plus conga, guitar, fiddle, flute, clarinet, and even a ukelele – perfect for learning or singing along!

Streaming at all sites or find links at:

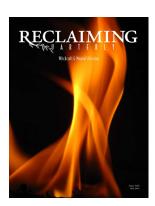
WeaveAndSpin.org/playlists

Free download of our 50page full-color Lyrics & Lore booklet at: CampfireChants.org



Reclaiming Archives – Free Online!

Back issues of Reclaiming Quarterly — 60+ pages of Witchcraft and Magical Activism – are available as free downloadable PDF files at RQ.org



Plus

you'll find lots of other features on gender, magic, ritual, Tarot, music, activism, and much more!

Visit WeaveAndSpin.org/archives

Reclaiming Music CDs

Chants & Music available online



Reclaiming has released five albums of Earth-based chants and music.

Our albums feature many of Reclaiming's finest witchcamp chants, including songs by Starhawk and others, recorded by a mixed chorus plus conga, guitar, fiddle, and more.

Visit WeaveAndSpin.org/playlists

Spiral Dance 2020 Moves Online

"In the midst of uncertainty and the unknown, we come together to call forth the rains of justice and renewal."

Dear Worldwide Reclaiming Community,

Imagine a ritual weekend where we are not constrained by time or place. Altars built all over the world streamed on the Spiral Dance website. Ritualists participating from around the globe. Creative elements not thought of yet!

The 41st Annual Spiral Dance is happening on Saturday, October 31, 2020. For the first time we will be *virtual* and *online*. Manifesting this orgasmic, life-changing, ecstatic ritual is going to take a tremendous community effort.

We deeply regret that we will not be gathering in person, but by going virtual it gives us the opportunity to open up the ritual to our worldwide community.

No matter what time zone you are in, you can join this moment of magic and power. See link below for ways to participate.

The Spiral Dances On

For 41 years, Bay Area Reclaiming has danced the spiral of rebirth at Samhain, Halloween. Join us as we celebrate four decades plus of magic, activism, and healing. The veil is thin -- we mourn our beloved dead and energize the forces of renewal.

2020 intention: "In the midst of uncertainty and the unknown, we come together to call forth the rains of justice and renewal."

We welcome all ages, all genders, people of diverse physical abilities, people of color, LGBTQ+ folk, Witches, Pagans, non-Pagans, activists, seekers, and the respectfully curious. Our rituals are drug-and-alcohol-free – and ecstatic! Let it begin now!

Updates and ritual participation links will be posted on our website: ReclaimingSpiralDance.org



The good old days... Stilt-dancing invokers welcome Earth at the 2010 Spiral Dance. Visit WeaveAndSpin.org/archives for memorabilia from the Spiral Dance and Reclaiming. Photo by Michael Rauner – michaelrauner.com.

Let It Begin Now!

This page – from Dancing the Spiral (WeaveAndSpin.org/spiral) – was written as a do-it-at-home Samhain/Halloween ritual for people outside the Bay Area. Now we're all doing it!

Listening to the music from the Spiral Dance is a magical journey in its own right – and you can use the music along with *Dancing the Spiral* to create a ritual in your home community.

Let the magic begin – cue up the Spiral Dance playlist at WeaveAndSpin.org/tem-chants/

Doing the dishes versus creating ritual space

You could listen while doing the dishes or giving your cat a bath. You could listen on your way to work or school. We recommend all of these times and places.

However, you might want to create a more magical space. Lower the lighting (twinkly faerie lights always help!). Make yourself comfortable. Get your journal and a cup of tea.

New to rituals? The Outline in *Dancing the Spiral* shows the overall flow – see link above.



Hear the Spiral Dance album and more on youtube, iTunes, etc – WeaveAndSpin.org/tem-chants

VISIONING THE RITUAL

Want to see what the Spiral Dance ritual usually looks like?

There are two youtube videos showing highlights of past years, created by Riyana & Starhawk. Search for <Spiral Dance Ritual Video>, or find them at the end of the Reclaiming Chants Megamix:

Chants Megamix: TinyURL.com/chants-megamix

Watch these videos, then close your eyes and imagine a community ritual that you help create. Play these songs and let your mind's eye see the ritual space.

Envision the most beautiful and powerful images that come to you – maybe someday you'll help priestess it!



Water invocation at the 2010 Spiral Dance. Dozens of people dance invocations, sing in the chorus, or anchor altars. Photo: MichaelRauner.com. Spiral Dance playlist at WeaveAndSpin.org/tem-chants/

LYRICS to refrains

Lyke-Wake Dirge (first/last verse)

This ae nicht, this ae nicht Every nicht and all Fire and sleet and candle licht May Earth receive thy soul

No End to the Circle / God Song

There is no end to the circle, no end There is no end to life, there is no end

Set Sail

Set sail, set sail
Over the spray where the waves grow white
Into the night, into the night

Let It Begin Now

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

Join Us for the Spiral Dance!

You can be part of the Spiral Dance if you are in the Bay Area at the end of October. If you live here, you can help create the ritual, sing in the chorus, set up an altar, etc. Volunteers are always needed.

Or you can use this music to create a Samhain/Halloween ritual in your own community. Let it begin now!

For more info, visit ReclaimingSpiralDance.org

Download *Dancing the Spiral* (latest draft): WeaveAndSpin.org/spiral