

MORE CHANTS

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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 Alphonso 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

-- Author unknown. Contact RQ, quarterly@reclaiming.org, if you know who wrote this chant.

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 Schoenfield 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 onoe

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
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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

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 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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