

# Whispering Lake Grove A.O.F.



## Beltaine

April 30, 2006

6:00 PM

*An offering of apple butter and dark bread is made to the Outdwellers and is laid beyond the perimeter of the ritual space prior to hallowing and claiming. The Sacrificer will lay the offerings. All participants assemble for the Grove Attunement just outside of the Nemeton.*

### GROVE ATTUNEMENT (Eld Naðr)

Closing your eyes, take a few deep cleansing breaths.

Breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth.

In through your nose and out through your mouth.

As you breath, lay aside the worries, troubles and woes of the mundane world. *(pause 4 count)*

You now stand between Earth and Sky

Feel your feet firmly resting upon the Earth

Know that below you flows the primal waters

Cold, dark and chaotic; filled with the potential of all life.

Allow the primal waters to enter your being.

Feel the coolness of the waters as they pool within your belly, within your heart and finally, within your head. *(pause 8 count)*

Reaching high into the sky above

Feel the illuminating radiance of the Heavens

Know that above you burns the primal fires

Warm, light and ordered; filled with the spark of all life.

Allow the primal fire to enter your being.

Feel the warmth of the fires as they illuminate your mind, your heart and finally your spirit. *(pause 8 count)*

Feel the primal powers of Earth and Sky as they surge through you, lending strength and energy to your being. *(pause 8 count)*

As we open our eyes, know that we assemble as one folk to worship with a common purpose.

**All:**

May our worship be true.  
May our actions be just.  
May our love be pure.  
Blessings, honor and worship to the Holy Ones.

**PROCESSIONAL (Carrion)**

***In song***

*Come we now as a people  
To gather together at the sacred well  
Come we now as a people  
To gather in the warmth and the light of the flame  
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***Repeat until all participants have entered the worship area.***

**MUSICAL SIGNAL- Drum beats 9 times.**

**CLAIMING AND HALLOWING (Moondragon)**

The days grow longer and the sun's power strengthens, as the green world blossoms with new life.

A warm wind blows across the fertile land and the gentle rain nurtures the new growth. Winter's frigid winds may have been driven from this land, yet the threat of fearsome storms remains.

Once more we shall meet the threat of chaos with order and lay claim to this place. We shall make sacred this space and time that we may worship and honor the Kindred as one people.

**Outdwellers (at the Southern fire) (Raven)**

Dark dwellers, take heed this night!  
Know the Mighty Tuatha will ward this place!  
Their treasures will strike order from choas!  
Driving all that is twisted and bent into the darkness.

Balor of the Evil Eye; King of the Fomorians,  
who has dared to challenge the Might and Magic of the Tuatha.  
You and your kin, primal bringers chaos and discord,  
Hoards, whose screams and cries, harmonize not with our songs  
and praise.

Dark dwellers, take heed this night!  
This time and place we claim as ours!  
You may have held it in the past, you may hold it in the future,  
but for now,  
Let it be known that it is OURS!

We have given to you all that we intend to give.  
Take what has been laid beyond the fire's light  
And trouble us not this night!

**Consecration of Sacred Time & Space (Carrion)**

In the beginning and so too in the end; there was but the fires of the Sky and the waters of the Earth. And between them lay a fertile land.

In the South the old Fir Bog King, dreamed of birds, the sky grew dark as the great flock approached the shore.

From the North through smoke and mist came beings of great might and magic, the vast army of the Tuatha to overtake the land. Bringing with them four treasures that would assure their victory. Reaching the shore, the Tuatha burnt their ships and a great battle for the land began. Great numbers of the Fir Bolg fell as the armies of the Tuatha swept across the land. In defeat the Fir Bolg retreated to the lands of the Formorians and the Tuatha De Danannan lay claim to Ireland.

## Claiming Place

*Begin in the North saying:*

Out of Falias the Stone of Fal, herald of the rightful king, Stone of Sovereignty, hallow and hold this holy ground. **(Moondragon)**

*Facing East:*

Out of Findas, the Sword of Nuada, never to be defeated in battle, Sword of Justice, hallow and hold this holy ground. **(Eld Naðr)**

*Facing South:*

Out of Glorias, the Spear of Lugh, which turns the tide of battle, Mighty Spear, hallow and hold this holy ground. **(Carrion)**

*Facing West:*

Out of Murias, the Cauldron of the Dagda, from which none go hungry, Cauldron of Plenty, hallow and hold this holy ground. **(Raven)**

*From the Center of the Hallows:*

Great Treasures of the Tuatha hallow and hold this holy ground! **(Moondragon)**

*To the Middle realm. (Eld Naðr)*

Kindred of the Land, hallow and hold this holy ground.

*And then to the realm below: (Carrion)*

Kindred of the Sea, hallow and hold this holy ground.

*To the realm above: (Raven)*

Kindred of the Sky, hallow and hold this holy ground.

*Finally, center the forces by folding your arms in from the cross position with your fingers touching at the solar plexus and say:*

Around us and in us, Primal Powers of Earth and Sky!  
**(Moondragon)**

## FIRE, WELL & TREE (chant)

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Gate to the Shining Ones (Carrion)*

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Our passage to the Sky (Carrion)*

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Warmth of our Community (Carrion)*

*Spark of Life (Carrion)*

*We honor you now*

*Incense is offered to the fire. (Eld Naðr)*

*Well, deep Well*

*Gate to the Underworld (Carrion)*

*Well, deep Well*

*Our passage to the Sea (Carrion)*

*Well, deep Well*

*Wisdom of the Ancestors (Carrion)*

*Waters of Life (Carrion)*

*We honor you now*

*Hazel nuts are offered into the well. (Eld Naðr)*

*Tree, great Tree*

*Gate that reaches everywhere (Carrion)*

*Tree, great Tree*

*With you we share the Land (Carrion)*

*Tree, great Tree*

*Our passage to the Otherworld (Carrion)*

*Source of Life (Carrion)*

*We honor you now.*

*The bile is asperged with water from the well and censed with incense. (Eld Naðr)*

*Words & music by Pandora*

*The aspersing bowl is filled by Chris T. from the Well and the censer is kindled from the Fire by Moondragon. The Nemeton is censed and asperged as the following words are chanted by all participants. Grove members participating in the hallowing and claiming are also censed and asperged at this time.*

*(Chant led by **Raven**)*

*With the powers to create and destroy.  
And the strength to cleanse and purify.*

*When all participants have been purified Raven will step forward saying:*

**(Raven Mann)**

Through the union of fire and water,  
Our Nemeton is made whole and holy!

**To Land, Sea & Sky (Raven)**

The waters support and surround us.  
The land extends about us.  
The sky stretches above us.  
And at the center burns a living flame.  
Let us pray with a good fire.  
May all the Kindred bless us.  
May our worship be true.  
May our actions be just.  
May our love be pure.  
Blessings and honor and worship to the holy ones.  
*Land, Sea & Sky Text by Ceisiwr Serith*

## **OPENING BLESSINGS**

**Earth Mother & Sky Father**

**(Moondragon) kneeling at the well**

Ancient One of ever changing beauty  
Primal Mother of the Mighty Tuatha  
And Great Goddess of Sovereignty  
We are renewed in your waters  
Cradled within your mantel of green  
And sustained by your abundance  
Danu, Earth Mother, we call upon the life-giving magic of the Earth!

**(Eld Naðr) standing at the sacred fire arms outstretched to the sky.**

Flashing One of the Sun's healing warmth  
Brilliant Father of the Adventurous Gael  
And Great God of the creative spark  
We are purified between your flames  
Strengthened through your radiant light  
And prosper from your fertility  
Bile, Sky Father, we call upon the illuminating power of the Sky!

**(Eld Naðr) (Moondragon)**

Great Earth Mother and Sky Father,  
Through your sacred union springs forth all life.  
Mother and Father of all that was, of all that is and all that will be.

We come before you in love and respect and we ask that you uphold and bless our gathering!

**(Eld Naðr) (Moondragon) An offering of white bread (1 whole round loaf) and clarified butter is made to the Earth Mother and Sky Father.**

Earth Mother and Sky Father, accept our offering!

**All:** Earth Mother and Sky Father, be welcome among us!

**Bardic Inspiration (Carrion)**

Goddess of Inspiration & Poetry

Great Mother of Song & Music

May our words echo in the sacred well

May our hearts and minds burn with your eternal flame

May our songs resonate upon the wind

May you grant us the gift of inspiration and insight

***An offering of cream & honey is placed in the offering bowl for Brighid.***

Lady Brighid, accept our offering!

**All:** Brighid, be welcome among us!

**Deep Peace (Author Unknown)(Carrion)**

*Deep peace of the flowing air to you*

*Deep peace of the sacred flame*

*Deep peace of the running wave to you*

*Deep peace of the quiet earth*

*May peace, may peace, may peace fill your soul*

*Let peace, let peace, let peace make you whole.*

***Repeat chant 3 times***

**Grove Patron Invitation (Moondragon)**

Manannan Mac Lir...

**PURPOSE & PRECEDENT (Raven)**

Tonight, we have gathered in this sacred place upon the Earth and beneath the Sky; cradled by the waters that surround us.

We gather as in the ways of old to keep the Feast of Beltaine.

As one people we will worship and honor the Kindred, for tonight we celebrate the fertility of the world around us.

We will call deep into the Hollow Hills of the Mighty Sidhe and welcome them among us for we hold our rite in their honor.

Join with me now as we travel to the Otherworld...

**A STORY OF THE SEASON! (Raven)**

May all who gather this eve be welcome among us!

*Biodh se amhlaidh! (bee shay awlah)*

**OPENING THE GATES (Raven, Carrion & Eld Naðr)**

**(Raven)**

Manannan MacLir, it is your might and magic that wards the threshold.

Grey Rider of Aonbarr, we ask for your protection as we walk through the mist this night.

Mighty Lord of the Crossroads, as we travel between the worlds of man and Sidhe may you part the mist before us.

**(Eld Naðr) Irish whiskey is offered to Manannan.**

Manannan MacLir, Mist Weaver, accept our offering!

**All:** Manannan, be welcome among us!

**(Carrion)** Let us raise our voices in song to the Gatekeeper!

***All in song***

*Gatekeeper open the portals,*

*Between the Gods and mortals,*

*Power freely flows, as our magic grows!*

***Repeat chant three times***

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**(Raven, Carrion & Eld Naðr)**

Manannan, merge now your magick with ours!

**(Raven)**

See the flame leaping forth from the fire.

**(Carrion)**

See the mist arising from the well,

**(Eld Naðr)**

Flame and mist converging upon the tree.

Forming a meeting place between the realms

**(Raven) Striking a sigil or triskel over the fire**

Let the fire burning towards the heavens open as a gate that we may follow the way to the Shining Ones.

**(Carrion) Striking a sigil or triskel over the well**

Let the well whose depths reach the Underworld open as a gate that we may follow the way to the Mighty Dead.

**(Eld Naðr) Striking a sigil or triskel upon the tree**

Let the tree, pathway between Earth & Sky, be open to us.

By the land before us!

**(Carrion)**

By the seas about us!

**(Raven)**

By the sky above us!

**(Raven)(Eld Naðr) Carrion)**

Let the Gates Be Open!

#### **KINDRED OFFERINGS**

**(Eld Naðr)**

Now that the world of the living and that of the spirit are one, we call out from the crossroads to the Mighty Kindred.

Allies of the Middle Realm!

Bright and shining messengers to the Otherworld

Elves, Sprites, and Faeries of the Hollow Hills

Protectors of this sacred ground.

Mighty Sidhe, be welcome among us!

**Alcohol is offered. (Moondragon)**

Wise Ones of the Realm Below!

Beloved Dead of blood and spirit; Ancestors of flesh and bone

Great Cu Chulainn, Maeve and Finn

Heros of myth and legend

Mighty Ones, be welcome among us!

**Alcohol is offered. (Carrion)**

Eldest and Brightest of the Realm Above!

Bringers of life, death and rebirth.

Deities of Might, of Magic and those of the Mist.

Blessed Children of Danu!

Shining Ones be welcome among us!

**Alcohol is offered. (Raven)**

**The alcohol is ignited in offering as it burns all will sing the following chant 3x. (Eld Naðr)**

*Gods and Dead and Mighty Sidhe*

*Powers of Earth and Sky and Sea*

*By Fire and Well, by Sacred Tree*

*Offerings We Make to Ye*

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Kindred, accept our offerings!

**All:** Kindred, be welcome among us!

#### **KEY OFFERINGS**

**Aengus Og Mac Oc (Raven)**

We call to the palace on the banks of the Boyne

To the inspirer of youthful love

We seek the young son of the Dagda

The beautiful, Aengus!

Our voices echo throughout the hollow hills

To the Great God of Love and Beauty

We seek the harpist of the Sidhe

The witty, Aengus!

We give honor to the King of the Faery Folk

To the enchanter of mortal maidens

We seek the dreamer of Caer (kyair)

The handsome, Aengus!

We bid welcome to the bringer of youth and beauty  
To the patron of musicians and poets  
We seek the Chosen One of the Tuatha  
The fair, Aengus!

*An offering of rose petals and a flower wreath is made.*

Aengus Og Mac Oc, Great God of Love and Life; accept our offering!

**All:** Aengus; be welcome among us!

**Aine** (AN-yuh) **(Carrion)**

We call deep into the sacred waters  
To the healer and restorer of life  
We seek the emerald eyed maiden  
The beautiful, Aine!

Our voices echo high upon the tallest mountains  
To the Great Goddess of Ancient Ireland  
We seek the Sweetheart of the Sidhe  
The splendid, Aine!

We give honor to the Queen of the Faery Folk  
To the enchantress of mortal men  
We seek the patroness of cattle and crops  
The fair, Aine!

We bid welcome to the bringer of love and desire  
To the mistress of unbridled passion  
We seek the wielder of fire's free spirit  
The bright lady, Aine!

*An offering of meadowsweet and a flower wreath is made.*

Aine, Great Goddess of Life and Death; accept our offering!

**All:** Aine, be welcome among us!

SEASONAL ENACTMENT

**(Eld Naðr)** In the days of old a Queen of May and her King, the Lord of the Greenwood, were chosen to preside over the festivities of Beltaine.

**(Carrion Mann)** Let us now raise our voices in song as we call forth the Queen of May and the Lord of the Greenwood.

*The May Queen and her King now proceed to their thrones.*

**(Eld Naðr)** *crowns the royal couple.*

**In Song (Carrion Mann)**

*Come the Lord of the Greenwood, Greenwood  
Come the Lord of the Greenwood, Greenwood  
Come the Lord of the Greenwood, Greenwood  
And court the Lady Fair*

*In the heat of their passion, passion*

*In the heat of their passion, passion*

*In the heat of their passion, passion*

*The corn will rise again*

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**(Eld Naðr)** Behold, Good Folk! The May Queen and her King, the Lord of the Greenwood.

**(Moon Dragon)**

In ancient times the need fires dotted the hill tops on May Eve. The Beltaine fires of old were kindled of nine sacred woods. In honor of these ancient fires we now offer nine sacred woods as sacrifice as we light our need fire.

*An offering of nine sacred woods is made.*

**(Moon Dragon)** The Ancients, our Ancestors, would purify themselves, in, between and over these fires to prepare for the season of fertility. We no longer purify ourselves within the fire, but we invite you now to dance between the fires in celebration of the coming season.

*A drum beat begins and all have an opportunity to be purified*

*between the fires.*

**(Raven)** The Queen and King of the Sidhe rule from deep within the Hollow Hills. Aine, Mistress of Unbridled Passion and Aengus, the Chosen One of the Tuatha. Before you, we will forge our alliances with the Noble Ones.

\_\_\_\_\_ those who are the guardians of the growing green

\_\_\_\_\_ those who are the granters of luck or bane

**(Eld Naðr)** those who are the keepers of secret knowledge

**(Moon Dragon)** those who are the Earth: beast, rock and tree

\_\_\_\_\_ those who are the Sky: bird, wind and cloud

**(Raven)** those who are the Sea: seal, wave and reef

**(Carrion)** those who are the wrathful protectors

\_\_\_\_\_ those who are the tribe of peace

\_\_\_\_\_ those who are the teachers and the guides

**(Raven)** In the Old days alliances with the Faery Folk were made by tying of bright strips of cloth in the branches of the sacred trees. This May Eve as the veil stands thin we prepare to forge our own alliances with the Sidhe.

**(Raven)** Come Good Folk, to our Faery Tree and tie a cloutie among the branches, so that it may stand for your alliance with the Noble Ones during this season of fertility.

*All are given an opportunity to tie clouties to the faery tree.*

**(Carrion Mann)** Now let us offer our praise to the Kindred.

#### PRAISE OFFERINGS

**\*\* Offerings to the Grove Patron, Manannan Mac Lir and any other among the Irish Celtic Kindred. Offerings to Aine, Aengus Og, the Sidhe and offerings to the season of fertility only\*\***

#### SACRIFICE AND OMEN

**(Raven)**

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;

We honor the Mighty Kindred as they walk among us.

Through communication with the Otherworld;

We receive their guidance, inspiration and insight.

Tonight we call out from the crossroads to all who aid us!

As we prepare to make our final sacrifice.

***The final sacrifice is prepared. (Eld Naðr)***

**(Eld Naðr)**

It is with love, honor and respect that we have offered hospitality to the Kindred this night.

We have sung their praise; made our sacrifice.

It is our hope that our words and sacrifice have conveyed our love.

We call once more through the Gates and deep within the Otherworld that all shall know of our devotion.

Kindred of land, sea and sky we honor you!

***The final sacrifice is made.***

Mighty Kindred, accept our sacrifice!

**All:** Mighty Kindred, accept our sacrifice!

***Participants meditate on the kindred, sending their energies through the gates.***

**(Carrion)**

Let us close our eyes and open our hearts and minds to the Kindred. Breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth; in through your nose and out through your mouth (pause) With each breath pouring out our love as we prepare to receive the blessings of the Kindred upon us.

We send our love, honor and respect into the Middle realm to the Noble Spirits, our protectors and guides. It is their secret knowledge and companionship that we strive to share and be one



with. **(pause for 2 count)** Feel the presence of the Noble Spirits as we await their message. **(pause for 2 count)**

We send our love, honor and respect deep into the Sacred Well to the Mighty Dead, our ancestors of blood and of spirit, it is their timeless wisdom that inspires us to strive always to better ourselves and our world around us. **(pause for 2 count)** Feel the presence of the Mighty Dead as we await their guidance. **(pause for 2 count)**

We send our love, honor and respect through the Sacred Fire into the heavens to the Shining Ones, Eldest and Wisest. **(pause for 4 count)** It is their guidance and blessings we seek. Feel the presence of the Shining Ones as we await their blessings. **(pause for 2 count)**.

**(Raven)(Eld Naðr)**

*The Omen is taken. One Ogham is drawn for each of the three Kindred. The seer then interprets the omen, leading the company to contemplate the things they would ask of the powers, especially as suggested by the omen.*

**(Eld Naðr)**

From the Noble Spirits \_\_\_\_\_.

From the Mighty Ones \_\_\_\_\_.

From the Shining Ones \_\_\_\_\_.

The Kindred have spoken. What use have you in your lives for their knowledge and wisdom.

**THE BLESSING (Carrion) (Raven)(Eld Naðr)**

*Two pitchers will be filled and sat in the midst of the hallows. The following words will be spoken over the pitchers.*

**(Raven)** As in the ways of old we have given our gifts freely and as in the ways of old a gift is given unto us in return.

**(Carrion)** We will drink deep of the Cup of Inspiration. May the blessings of health, wealth and wisdom be ours.

**(Raven)** Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

**All:** Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

**(Carrion)** We gather with you between Earth and Sky. We are proud to call ourselves your people.

**(Raven)** Once again, Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

**All:** Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

**(Carrion)** We have brought our offerings. We have made sacrifice.

**(Raven)** One last time, Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

**All:** Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

**(Eld Naðr)** *The pitchers are lifted saluting the fire, well and tree.*

**(Eld Naðr)** Behold the Waters of Life!

**(Raven)** Shining Ones hear and bless us.

**(Carrion)** Lady Brighid, Bright Goddess of Spring's renewal, hallow these waters of life.

**(Eld Naðr)** *lifts the pitchers before the participants.*

**(Eld Naðr)** Behold the Waters of Life!

**All:** Behold the Waters of Life!

**(Eld Naðr)** Now Good folk, drink deep; the blessings of the Shining Ones.

*The waters are passed and all participants share the waters. As the waters are passed the following song is sung by all participants.*

**(Carrion)** As we receive the blessing of the Shining Ones let us raise our voices in song.

*All in Song*

*Pour the waters, raise the cup; Drink your share of wisdom deep; strength and love now fill us up. As the elder ways we keep. © Stone Creed Grove, ADF*

*Repeat until the horns have been passed to all participants.*

## THANKSGIVING AND CLOSING

### **(Raven)**

We now prepare to thank the powers that have attended us during this rite. At this time the gates between the worlds remain open and we invite any to give personal offering or sacrifice to the powers. *Participants are given time to make final offerings.*

**(Carrion)** Beautiful Aine, Sweetheart of the Sidhe. May you continue to heal and restore our lives and our world. Great Queen of the Faery Folk, we thank you for your blessings this eve. **(A final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

**All:** Aine, we thank you!

**(Raven)** Aengus Og Mac Oc, Witty King of the Sidhe. May you continue to bring beauty and youthful love to our lives and the world around us. Great God of Love and Beauty, we thank you for your blessings this eve. **(A final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

**All:** Aengus, we thank you!

**(Eld Naðr)** Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, Eldest, Wisest and Mightiest of the realms. May you continue to protect, guide and bless us as we walk this path. Kindred we thank you for the knowledge and blessings you have shared with us. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

**All:** Kindred, we thank you!

**(Carrion)** Lady Brigid, Great Goddess of Inspiration and Poetry. We thank you for the inspiration and insight you have given us. **(a final token is offered)** May you continue to inspire our hearts and minds. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

**All:** Brigid, we thank you.

**(Moon Dragon)** Earth Mother and Sky Father, Mother and Father of all that was, all that is and all that will be. We thank you for your sacred union that springs forth all life. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

**All:** Earth Mother and Sky Father, we thank you!

**(Raven)** Manannan MacLir, Weaver of Gray Mists; we thank you for your protection and guidance as we have walked between the worlds this night. **(A final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire

**All:** Manannan MacLir, we thank you!

### **(Raven)**

Manannan Mac Lir, Great Guardian of the Threshold, we now ask that you close the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more.

### **(Eld Naðr)**

By the land before us!

### **(Carrion Mann)**

By the seas about us!

### **(Raven Mann)**

By the sky above us!

### **(Raven Mann)(Eld Naðr)(Carrion Mann)**

Let the Gates be closed!

**(Eld Naðr)** We now return all that has gone unused to the Earth and the Sky, may they continue to support, surround and sustain us. *All offerings that remain are burnt in the fire or scattered upon the Earth.*

## Grove Attunement

**(Eld Naðr)** Good folk, join me once more as we close our eyes; breathing deeply in through your nose and out through your mouth **(pause for a 2 count)**. As the mighty oak is part of the forest, we are all part of the great circle of life. Remember the blessings we have received together this night **(pause)**.

As we stand between Earth and Sky  
Once more feel your feet firmly resting upon the Earth  
Know that below us flows the primal waters.

Once more feel the coolness of the waters as they pool within  
your belly, within your heart and finally, within your head. *(pause  
4 count)*

Reaching high into the sky above  
Feel the illuminating radiance of the Heavens.  
Know that above us burns the primal fires.

Once more feel the warmth of the fires as they illuminate your  
mind, your heart and finally your spirit. *(pause 4 count)*

Feel the primal powers of Earth and Sky as they surge through  
you, lending strength and energy to your being. *(pause 4 count)*  
Keep of this power what you need, sending what remains forth  
from our beings into the Great Lake *(pause)*. See this energy heal  
and protect her as we conclude our worship.

As we open our eyes,  
May the well once again become but water  
May the fire once more become but flames  
May the tree become but wood  
May all that is be what was, that it may be again!

**MUSICAL SIGNAL-** *A drum beats 9 times.*

**All:** We will keep the faith until the sky falls upon us and  
crushes us; until the earth opens and swallows us; until the seas  
arises and overwhelm us.

**(Carrion)** Once more may we now raise our voices in song as  
we leave our Nemeton.

CHORUS

*The sky fuels the waters  
And the waters sustain the skies  
We walk together from this place  
With the honored as our guides*

*Strong in our purpose  
We balance and survive  
From many wells of fortitude  
Our spirits are revived*

CHORUS

*Joyous in our sharing  
We honor dead and alive  
With voices of sacred wisdom  
We travel the path of our lives*

CHORUS

*Fulfilled in our learning  
Our souls will always thrive  
In our varied hearts and minds  
We keep the sacred for all time*

CHORUS

*(lyrics by Moon Dragon; music by Raven of the Sorrows)*

*Special Thanks To:*

*All who attended, participated and shared in our Beltaine celebration.*

*Stone Creed Grove, ADF for the chants*

*Come We Now As A People, The Gatekeeper Chant, Gods and Dead and Mighty Sidhe, Pour the Waters*

*Pandora for the chant*

*The Verticle Axis Chant*

*Unknown Author of the chant Deep Peace*

*Ceisiwr Serith for the text for recreating the cosmos.*

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