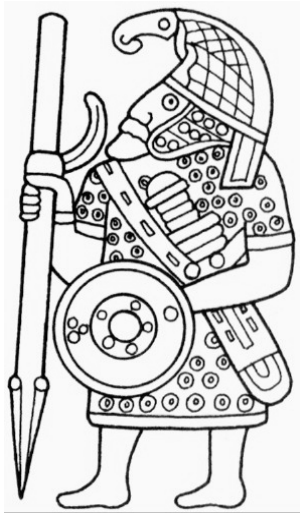


# Whispering Lake Grove A.D.F.



Harvest Tide Ritual  
September 25, 2005

**Grove Attunement Ritual** participants gather above the Nemeton for the Attunement lead by Eld Naðr and Sidhe Wolf.

**(Eld Naðr)** Joining hands and closing your eyes, take a few deep, cleansing breaths in through your nose and out through your mouth; **(pause for a 4 count)** in through your nose and out through your mouth **(pause for a 4 count)**. As you breathe, begin to slow your busy thoughts **(pause for a 4 count)**.

**(Eld Naðr)** Feel your feet firmly resting upon the Earth. Imagine that from your feet roots begin to grow **(pause for a 2 count)**. See your roots as they break through the fertile Earth in search of the primal waters. **(pause for a 4 count)** Feel your roots as they reach the swift current of the primal waters **(pause for a 4 count)**.

**(Sidhe Wolf)** With each breath, draw this current up through your roots and into your body. **(pause for a 4 count)** As you breathe, draw this ancient power into up your roots, through your trunk and into your belly. Feel its power as it pools there, restoring you and lending strength to your being **(pause for a 4 count)**. Draw this ancient power into your heart. Feel this ancient energy as it too begins to pool, restoring you and lending strength to your being. **(pause for a 4 count)** Finally, draw the primal waters into your head. Feel this ancient power as it pools there, restoring you and lending strength to your being.

**(Eld Naðr)** Turning your attention Skyward, extending your arms high into the sky above **(pause for a 2 count)**. Feel your arms begin to lengthen like the branches of the mighty ash. See your branches reaching the depths of the cosmos.

**(pause for a 4 count)** Feel the primal power of the Sun; of the Moon and of the Stars. **(pause for a 4 count)**

**(Eld Naðr)** A flash of electric energy rushes toward you. Feel this electric power of the Sky as it illuminates your mind and mingles

with the Earth power in your head. **(pause for a 4 count)**. As you breath, draw this illuminating energy into your heart. See the Sky power as it ignites the primal waters. Feel this power as it illuminates and energizes your being. **(pause for a 4 count)** Finally, draw this energy into your belly. See this illuminating energy ignite the awaiting waters. Feel the power of the Sky as it illuminates and energizes your being.

**(Sidhe Wolf)** Feel the power of Earth and Sky as the energies surge within you. Feel the strength and balance this power brings to you **(pause for a 4 count)**.

**(Eld Naðr)** Opening your eyes, see all who have joined together this night as one tribe and one people **(pause for a 2 count)**. Feel the harmony that surrounds you as we begin our worship between the Earth and Sky.

### **Processional Song**

**(Carrion)** Join me in song as we proceed to our Nemeton.

#### ***In song***

*We've come to the sacred grove,  
with hearts and minds and flesh and bone.  
Join us now in ways of old,  
we have come home.*

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**Repeat until all participants have entered the Nemeton and have been purified by incense (Rachel) and water (Moondragon).**

***Once all participants have been purified, 3 hammer strikes will announce the beginning of the ritual with the following words.***

**(Sharon)**

**(Hammer strike)** Urd record the passing of our work!

**(Hammer strike)** Verdandi watch over our work as it occurs!

**(Hammer strike)** Skuld bless the work we have yet to complete!

### **Opening Blessings**

#### **Earth Mother & Sky Father**

**(Moondragon)** *kneeling upon the Earth*

Nerthus, Primal Mother of Earth  
First and Eldest of the Van  
You who cradles the World Tree in your loving embrace  
Ancient Mother of Midgard

Cloaked in green and brown  
Adorned with amber bright  
You who sows fertility in the fields and folk  
We call forth your cattle drawn carriage from its Sacred Grove

May our weapons be sheathed  
May our thoughts be of peace  
May our fields yield plenty

Nerthus, Ancient Earth Mother, we call upon the life-giving magic of the Earth!

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

Mighty Tyr, Ancient Mystery of the Sky  
Boldest and most courageous of the Aesir  
You who makes fertile the Earth with your seed  
Bright Father of Midgard

Primal power to sway victory in battle  
Bringer of order and binder of chaos  
You who sacrificed yourself for the folk  
We call forth your might and ancient wisdom

May we show courage in our battles  
May we seek to do right by our kith and kin  
May we learn the meaning of true sacrifice through your guidance.

Tyr, Ancient Sky Father, we call upon the illuminating power  
of the Sky!

**(Eld Naðr)**

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 ask that you  
uphold and bless our gathering!

**(Eld Naðr) *White bread & Clarified butter is offered upon  
the fire to the Sky Father.***

Earth Mother and Sky Father, accept our offering!

**All:** Earth Mother and Sky Father, All Hail and Welcome!

**Divine Inspiration (Raven & Carrion)**

**(Raven) *Eld Naðr will bring the offering to Raven.***

You traveled afar to Gunnlod's court.

The blood of Kvasir (Kvah-seer) your quest.

A giant, a snake and three sips of the brew,

And the treasure of Suttung (Soot-ung) was yours.

You cunningly took what was stolen by force

And to Asgard on eagles wings flew.

Returning to the Gods, a most precious gift

That is shared with the folk at your will.

**(Carrion)**

But without chaos; order can not be

Blood brothers forever Mighty Odin and Sly Loki.

We offer this night a portion to chaos

That order may assume its rightful place.

***Carrion taking the offering from Raven will offer one quarter  
of Odin's honey to Loki and then the honey is returned to  
Raven.***

**(Raven)**

Mighty All-Father of the Aesir

Winner, keeper and giver of the Mead of Poetry

Pour down your mead upon us this night

That our songs and praise may echo throughout the nine  
worlds.

**(Raven) *The remaining honey is offered to Odin***

Odin, One-Eyed Wanderer, accept our offering!

**All:** Odin, All Hail and Welcome!

**(Carrion)** Let us now raise our voice as one people.

***In Song***

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

*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***

**Purpose and Precedent (Raven)**

This eve we gather upon the Earth as one folk;

To worship and honor the Kindred as one people;

We have assembled our kith, kin and clan beneath the Sky;

To make sacrifice to the Kindred; receiving their blessings in return.

We join together to keep the Feast of Harvest Tide.

To celebrate a successful harvest and to honor the warriors, brewers and laborers among us.

Tonight we honor the Deities of the Occasion; Bright Freyr, Great God of Peace and Plenty; Mighty Thor, Defender of Life and Champion of the Aesir and Beautiful Sif, Warder of hearth, home and clan .

May we remember the challenges we have faced and all that we have accomplished this year.

May all who gather this eve be welcome among us!

**Fire, Well & Tree**

***To the well (Carrion)***

Threshold to the Other world

Window to the souls

Cauldron of inspiration

Sacred shrine of old

Ford of cleansing waters

Vessel of rebirth

Sacred well open unto us a path to the Mighty Dead.

***(Eld Naðr) Silver is offered into the well.***

***To the fire (Rachael)***

Kindled of the hearth fire

Sacred flame upon the Earth

Joining together hearts and minds

Darkness banished before the roaring blaze

Transcending the realm of light and shadow

Purifier and cleanser of mind, body and spirit

Sacred fire open unto us the way to the Shining Ones.

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

***To the bile (Sidhe Wolf)***

Mighty ash of the ancient grove  
Roots burying deep within the Underworld  
Wise teacher of traditions old  
Branches reaching into the heavens.

Keeper of sacred knowledge  
Pillar joining Earth and Sky; spanning all worlds  
Road to all realms; Sacred tree  
Let all who walk this way walk in your wisdom.

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

***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*

**(Carrion)** We now raise our voices in song.

***All in song***

***By Fire and by Water, between the Earth and Sky***

***We stand like the World-Tree rooted, deep, crowned high.***

***By Fire and by Water, between the Earth and Sky***

***We stand like the World-Tree rooted, deep, crowned high.***

*Come we now to the Well, the eye and the mouth of Earth,*

*Come we now to the Well, and silver we bring.*

*Come we now to the Well, the waters of rebirth*

*Come we now to the Well, together we sing.*

**CHORUS**

*We will kindle a Fire, Bless all, and with harm to none,*

*We will kindle a Fire, and offering pour,*

*We will kindle a Fire, a light 'neath the Moon and Sun,*

*We will kindle a Fire, our spirits will soar.*

**CHORUS**

*Gather we at the Tree, the root & the crown of all*

*Gather we at the Tree, below & above,*

*Gather we at the Tree, together we make our call,*

*Gather we at the Tree, In wisdom and love.*

**CHORUS** © Stone Creed Grove, ADF

**Opening the Gates (Raven, Carrion & Eld Naðr)**

**(Raven)**

Heimdall, Son of the Nine Waves; Father of Mankind

It is your might and magic that wards the threshold.

White Lord of the Crossroads; Sounder of Gjallarhorn

It is your warning that all will hear before Ragnarok.

Mighty Watchman of the Gods, this night we ask for your protection and guidance as we travel between Midgard and Asgard.

**(Eld Naðr)** *A offering of German beer and bread is made .*

Heimdall, Great Guardian of Bifrost, accept our offering!

All: Heimdall, All Hail and Welcome!

**(Carrion)** Let us now sing our praise to Heimdall.

***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)**

Heimdall, 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 the hammer sign 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 the hammer sign 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 the hammer sign 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**

**(Sidhe Wolf) Landvettir**

Beasts of legend and lore  
Lurkers of mist and shadow  
Creatures of fur, fin and feather  
Allies of the middle realm

Beings of myth and magic  
Messengers of the Otherworld  
Dwellers of land, sea and sky  
Watchers of this sacred ground!

Hear us, Spirits both great and small, for we are in need of  
your company!

Landvettir, join us in celebration this night!

**(Eld Naðr) *Seeds and cream are offered upon the ground.***

Landvettir, accept our offering!

**All:** Landvettir, All Hail and Welcome!

**(Carrion) Alfar and Disir**

Priests of magic and lore  
Chieftains of kith and clan  
Bringers of law and order  
Mighty Ones of the realm below

Heros of myth and legend  
Warriors of strength and courage  
Beloved Dead of blood and spirit  
Ancestors of flesh and bone

Hear us, Teachers and Guides, for we are in need of your  
wisdom!

Alfar and Disir, join us in celebration this night!

**(Eld Naðr) *Beer and bread are offered.***

Alfar and Disir, accept our offering!

**All:** Alfar and Disir, All Hail and Welcome!

**(Eld Naðr) *The Aesir and Vanir***

Guardians of hearth and home  
Protectors of kith and kin  
Bringers of peace and plenty  
Shining Ones of the realm above

Champions of honor and might  
Wielders of war and destruction  
Dwellers of light and shadow  
Deities of land, sea and sky

Hear us Eldest and Brightest for we are in need of your blessings!

Mighty Aesir and Bountiful Vanir, join us in celebration this night!

**(Eld Naðr) *Clarified butter and white bread are offered.***

Aesir and Vanir, accept our offering!

**All:** Aesir and Vanir, All Hail and Welcome!

**(Carrion)** Let us now raise our voices in song to the Kindred.

*Hail all the Gods,*

*Hail all the Goddesses,*

*Hail all the Holy Ones,*

*We dwell together.*

**Repeat chant three times**

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**Key Offerings**

**Freyr**

**(Raven)** All Hail, Forceful Lord of the Bountiful Earth!

**All:** For his strong hand keeps life fruitful!

**(Raven)** All Hail, Bright Son of the Sea God, Njord

**All:** For he is the Lord of the Aesir and the Vanir.

**(Raven)** All Hail, Fertile God of Peace and Plenty!

**All:** For through him all things grow and prosper!

**(Raven)** All Hail, Ruler of the Rain and Sunshine!

**All:** For tonight we celebrate a successful harvest!

**(Raven)** All Hail, Freyr! We honor you this eve!

**(Eld Naðr) *Whiskey honey offered into the fire for Freyr.***

**(Raven)** Bright Freyr, accept our offering!

**All:** Freyr, All Hail and Welcome!



## **Thor**

**(Carrion)** All Hail, Ruddy Son of Earth and Sky!

**All:** For his might defends all life!

**(Carrion)** All Hail, Wielder of Great Mjollner (myoll-near)!

**All:** For it's strike wards this sacred place!

**(Carrion)** All Hail, Powerful Champion of Asgard!

**All:** For his strength brings order from chaos!

**(Carrion)** All Hail, Thundering God of Cloud Filled Skies!

**All:** For tonight we reap what we have sown!

**(Carrion)** All Hail, Thor! We honor you this eve.

**(Eld Naðr)** *Fire water is offered to Thor.*

**(Carrion)** Mighty Thor, accept our offering!

**All:** Thor, All Hail and Welcome!

## **Sif**

**(Eld Naðr)** All Hail, Beautiful Lady of the Long Golden Hair!

**All:** For her treasure embodies the ripening fields!

**(Eld Naðr)** All Hail, Rowan-Goddess of Mystery and Magic!

**All:** For her might wards our home and hearth!

**(Eld Naðr)** All Hail, Great Prophetess of the Aesir!

**All:** For her cloak cradles our kin and clan.

**(Eld Naðr)** All Hail, Fairest One of Wealth and Prosperity

**All:** For tonight her love makes life golden!

All Hail, Sif! We honor you this eve.

**(Eld Naðr)** *Barley, honey butter is offered to Sif.*

**(Eld Naðr)** Beautiful Sif, accept our offering!

**All:** Sif, All Hail and Welcome!

## **Seasonal Enactment**

**(Raven)** Storytelling *“The Treasures of the Aesir”*

**(Eld Naðr)** The Ancients, our Ancestors on the eve of Battle said charms, oaths and blessings over their weapons to ensure victory in the upcoming conflict. Likewise, the farmer, blacksmith and craftsman would say charms, oaths and blessings over their tools to ensure a good harvest, a true spear, and a beautiful work.

It is good and proper that as we gather on this eve of the harvest we honor and keep the ways of old. Bring forth now your weapons and tools to speak charms, oaths and blessings upon them. Raise them into the air, point them to the earth, bath them in the waters that they may be blessed of land, sea and sky.

***Participants are given an opportunity to bring forth their weapons and tools of their trade for blessing.***

**(Carrion)** For the Ancients a good wheat and barley harvest meant life for the upcoming year. It meant now none would go hungry during the long dark time to come. They also knew the time for

stories had returned, soon they would huddle beside the hearth fire. They knew that bread was life and brew was joy. For nothing goes better with a good story than good friends, family and some good home brew.

Our Ancestors, knew life is to be full of joy. We now join in drinking from the harvest cup. If you do not wish to drink then kiss the cup and pour some to the earth.

***The harvest cup is passed among all participants.***

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

### ***Praise Offerings***

*Ritual participants are given an opportunity to make praise offerings in the form of poetry, song, dance, or works of their hands etc. Please avoid clapping after praise offerings.*

### ***Sacrifice and Omen***

#### **(Eld Naðr)**

Through Heimdall, Great Guardian of Bifrost, we have opened the Gates this night.

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;

We have honored the mighty Kindred as they walk among us.

Through communication with the Otherworld;

We receive guidance, inspiration and insight;

As we prepare to make our final sacrifice.

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

#### **(Eld Naðr)**

Kindred of land, sea and sky we call to you!

Hear us this night for we are in need of your guidance and wisdom. Tonight we call out from the crossroads to all who aid us!

We call to our allies of the middle realm!  
Landvettir, who inspire our hearts and minds.  
All beings of the land about us, who offer their guidance and protection.

We call to the Mighty Dead of the realm below!  
Ancestors who guide our actions and intentions.  
All of the Alfar and Disir who offer their wisdom and inspiration.

We call out once more from the crossroads!

We call to the Aesir of the realm above.  
Gods and Goddesses who inspire our hearts and minds and guide our actions and intentions.  
Shining Ones who bless our lives and our gathering.  
Deities, whose might and bounty know no bounds!

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

Mighty Kindred, accept our offering!

**All:** Kindred, accept our offering!

#### **(Raven)**

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

We have called through the Gates and deep within the Otherworld our invitation to gather in their honor.

We have sung their praise and made our sacrifice.

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

#### **(Moondragon)**

Let us now 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.

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

**(Moondragon)** As we have gathered here as one people, joining hearts and minds we see those we have honored this night. We feel their presence and hear their whispers from the Otherworld.

We send our love, honor and respect into the Middle realm to the Landvettir, our protectors and guides. It is their secret knowledge and companionship that we strive to share and be one with. May they feel our love; see our sincerity and hear our praise in their honor. (pause for 2 count) Feel the presence of the Noble Spirits. (pause) Hear their whispers as we await their message.

**(Sidhe Wolf)**

We send our love, honor and respect deep into the Sacred Well to the Alfar and Disir, 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. May they feel our love; see our sincerity and hear our praise in their honor. (pause for 2 count) Feel the presence of the Mighty Dead. (pause) Hear their whispers as we await their message.

**(Rachael)**

We send our love, honor and respect through the Sacred Fire into the heavens to the Aesir, Eldest and Wisest, it is their guidance and blessings we seek. May they feel our love, see our sincerity and hear our praise in their honor. (pause for 2 count) Feel the presence of the Shining Ones. (pause) Hear their whispers as we await their message.

***During the Omen meditation above the Eld Naðr and Raven with take, interpret and pronounce the Omen. One Rune is drawn for each of the three Kindred.***

**(Eld Naðr)**

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

From the Noble Spirits/Landvettir \_\_\_\_\_.

From the Mighty Dead/ Alfar & Disir \_\_\_\_\_.

From the Shining Ones/ the Aesir \_\_\_\_\_.

***The Blessing (Raven) & (Sharon)***

***Two horns will be filled and sat in the midst of the hallows.***

***The following words will be spoken over the horns.***

**(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.

**(Sharon)** We will drink deep of the Horn 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!

**(Sharon)** 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!

**(Sharon)** 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!

*The horns are lifted saluting the fire, well and tree.*

Behold the Waters of Life!

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

**(Raven)** Frey, Fertile God of Peace and Plenty, hallow these Waters of Life.

**(Raven)** Mighty Thor, Defender of Asgard and Protector of Life, hallow these Waters of Life.

**(Raven)** Sif, Fairest One of Wealth and Prosperity, hallow these Waters of Life.

**(Eld Naðr)** *lifts the horns 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.

*Drinking horns are passed and all participants share the waters. As the horns 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.*

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

### ***Thanksgiving and Closing***

**(Sidhe Wolf)**

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.*

**(Eld Naðr)** Beautiful Lady of the Long Golden Hair, may you continue to ward our homes, hearth and clan. Fairest Sif, we thank you for your blessings this eve. **(offering a final token of hard alcohol is made to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

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

**(Carrion)** Mighty Thor, Wielder of Great Mjollnir. May you continue to strike order from chaos, defending the Gods and Man from its grasp. Red-Bearded Thunderer, we thank you for your blessings this eve. **(offering a final token of hard alcohol is made to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

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

**(Raven)** Freyr, Bright Lord of the Aesir and Vanir. May you continue to bring peace and plenty to your lives. Freyr, we thank you for your blessings this eve. **(offering a final token of hard alcohol is made to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

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

**(Eld Naðr)** Shining Ones, Eldest and Brightest of the Aesir and Vanir. May you continue to guide and bless us as we walk this path. Shining Ones, known and unknown, we thank you for your blessings and guidance this eve. **(offering a final token of hard alcohol is made to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

**All:** Aesir and Vanir, we thank you!

**(Carrion)** Alfarr and Disir, Mighty Ones of blood and spirit. Those who inspire and guide us in our lives. Beloved Dead we thank you for the wisdom you have shared with us. **(offering a final token of hard alcohol is made to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

**All:** Alfarr and Disir, we thank you!

**(Sidhe Wolf)** Landvettir, Noble Spirits of land, sea and sky. Companions who aid and guide us in our journey. Landvettir, we thank you for sharing your knowledge and protection. **(offering a final token of hard alcohol to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

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

**(Raven)** Odinn, Winner, Keeper and Giver of the Mead of Poetry, may you continue to pour down your divine treasure upon us. Great One-Eyed Wanderer, we thank you for your blessings of inspiration and eloquence. **(offering a final token of hard alcohol is made to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

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

**(Rachael)** Mighty Tyr, Ancient Mystery of the Sky, may you continue to show us the way to courage and right. Bright Father of the Aesir, we thank you for your sacrifice. **(offering a final token of hard alcohol is made to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

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

**(Moondragon)** Nerthus, Primal Mother of Earth, may you continue to grant us peace and plenty. Ancient Mother, we thank you for all life. **(offering a final token of hard alcohol is made to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

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

**(Raven)** Heimdall, Mighty Watchman of the Gods; we thank you for your protection and guidance this night. We now ask that you close the gates, warding the way between Midgard and Asgard once more. **(offering a final token of hard alcohol is made to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire

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

**(Raven)**  
Heimdall, Great Guardian of Bifrost, we now ask that you close the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more.

**(Eld Naðr)**

By the land before us!

**(Carrion)**

By the seas about us!

**(Raven)**

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 by the (Eld Naðr)*

### Grove Attunement

**(Sidhe Wolf)** 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)**.

**(Eld Naðr)** As the mighty ash 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)**.

**(Sidhe Wolf)** Feel the oneness and reflect upon the journey we have taken together **(pause)**.

**(Eld Naðr)** Remember the voices of the Noble Spirits and the friendship and knowledge that they have shared with you **(pause)**.

**(Sidhe Wolf)** Remember the ancient wisdom of the Mighty Dead and the knowledge and life's blood that they have offered **(pause)**.

**(Eld Naðr)** Remember the blessings of the Shining Ones. The guidance and wisdom they have offered to all who have assembled here this night **(pause)**.

**(Sidhe Wolf)** Once more feel your roots reaching the depths of the Earth and your branches reaching the heavens. Feel the

strength and energy of the Earth and Sky flowing throughout your being **(pause)**.

**(Eld Naðr)** Feel this strength and energy as it mingles within you. See this energy as it begins to pool in the palms of your hands **(pause)**.

**(Sidhe Wolf)** Let us join hands, joining this energy as one.

Let us send this energy forth from our beings into the Great Lake **(pause)**.

**(Eld Naðr)** See this energy heal and protect her as we conclude our worship.

**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)*

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