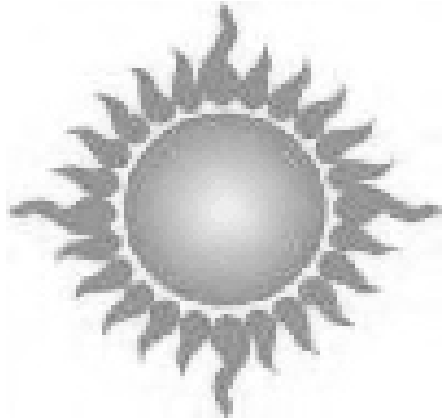
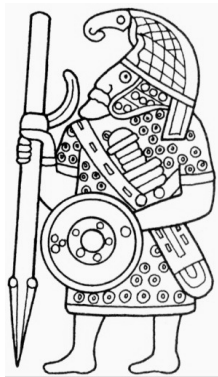
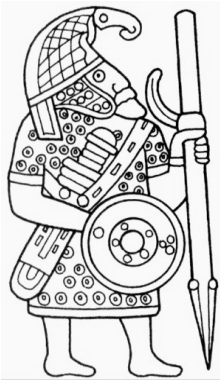


Whispering Lake Grove A.D.F.



Midsummer Ritual
June 26,2005



Procession (Carrion)

Now let us raise our voices in song as we proceed to our
Nemeton.

In song

We Are Heathens

Chorus: And they'll know we are heathens by our might and
our main, And they'll know what heathen means by the name.

We are brave men and women, courage worn like a shield
We will slay our foes and leave their bodies in the field
And we'll make sure that our kin are all safe and healed

Chorus

We are honest with others; to the gods, we are Tru
When we speak, there is no doubt as to what we will do
Honest words can bring you close to your kin, too

Chorus

We will live with honor, we have nothing to hide
The worth of our ancestors was judged when they died
We will save womens' dignity and honor mens' pride

Chorus

We will demonstrate loyalty to gods and to man
Forging bonds of fidelity wherever we can
And some day our deeds will be sung by our clan

Chorus

We will make a place for visitors to our stead
We will share our ale and we will share our bread
And tonight, you must stay inside, in our spare bed

Chorus

Our minds will be focused, like a wielded sword
Our hearts act as one, as our bodies' ward
Over each one's existence there is only one lord

Chorus

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
Younger hands will be influenced by older hands' guide
And together, the work we've done, will aid others' lives

Chorus

We rely on each person to bear his own weight
He will hold up his end making his worth great
And together we become the masters of our fate

Chorus

We stand strong in the face of adversity
We are stone in the path of instability
Persevere, now, to make it so our folk remain free

Chorus

Words by Karl Donaldsson

Participants will be censed and asperged as they enter the Nemeton.

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

(Raven)

(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!

Grove Attunement *AeonOHorus and Sidhe Wolf come to the center of the hallows.*

(AeonOHorus) 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)**.

(AeonOHorus) 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.

(AeonOHorus) 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)**

(AeonOHorus) 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).**

(AeonOHorus) 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.

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!

(AeonOHorus)

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!

(AeonOHorus) *White bread & Clarified butter is sacrificed 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) *Aeon OHorus 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;

Celebrating the fertility of the world around us.

As we honor Sunna's radiance that has reached its height!

We assemble our kin and clan beneath the Sky;

To make sacrifice to the Kindred;

Receiving their blessings in return.

As we honor Freyr and Freya, Bringers of continued fertility and good harvest and Thor, the Mighty Defender of Life.

We join together this eve to keep the Feast of Midsummer.
To honor the cycle of life, death and rebirth.
Remembering the journey of the fairest and brightest of the
Aesir.
As we await Balder's return at Ragnarok.

"Re-telling of the Death of Balder"

May all who gather this eve be welcome among us!

Fire, Well & Tree

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.

(AeonOHorus) Incense is offered to the fire.

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.

(AeonOHorus) Silver is offered into the well.

To the bile (Moondragon)

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.

***(AeonOHorus) 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

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Opening the Gates (Raven, Carrion & AeonOHorus)

(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.

(AeonOHorus) *A offering of German beer and bread is*

made .

Heimdall, Great Guardian of Bifrost, accept our offering!

All: Heimdall, All Hail and Welcome!

(Raven, Carrion & AeonOHorus)

Heimdall, merge now your magick with ours!

(Raven)

See the flame leaping forth from the fire.

(Carrion)

See the mist arising from the well,

(AeonOhorus)

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.

(AeonOhorus) 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)(AeonOhorus)(Carrion)

Let the Gates Be Open!

(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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Kindred Offerings

Landvettir/ Noble Spirits (Sidhe Wolf)

Beasts of legend and lore

Lurkers of mist and shadow

Creatures of fur, fin and feather

Allies of the middle realm

Guardians of the woodland and stream

Protectors of the mountain and glen

Spirits of the natural world

Companions in life, death and rebirth

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!

(AeonOHorus) *A portion of seeds and cream are sacrificed upon the ground.*

Landvettir, accept our offering!

All: Landvettir, All Hail and Welcome!

Alfar and Disir/ The Mighty Dead (Carrion)

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

Champions of might and honor

Beloved Dead of blood and spirit

Hunters of forest and glade

Tenders of flock and field

Fishers of lake, sea and stream

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!

(AeonOHorus) *Beer and bread are offered.*

Alfar and Disir, accept our offering!

All: Alfar and Disir, All Hail and Welcome!

The Aesir and Vanir/ Shining Ones (AeonOHorus)

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

Patrons of song and music

Masters of fire and forge

Warders of the thresholds

Gods of life, death and rebirth

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

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

(Sacrificer) *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

Descriptive invocations of the patron powers for the rite are given. Sacrifices are made and a portion of each is held back for the final sacrifice.

Thor (Carrion)

All Hail, Ruddy Son of Earth and Sky!

For your might defends all life!

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

For it's strike wards this sacred place!

All Hail, Powerful Champion of Asgard!

For your strength brings order from chaos!

All Hail, Thundering God of Cloud Filled Skies!

For tonight we reach the height of Summer!

All Hail, Thor!

We honor you this eve.

(AeonOHorus) *Fire water is offered to Thor.*

Mighty Thor, accept our offering!

All: Thor, All Hail and Welcome!

Freyr and Freya (Raven)

All Hail, Bright Twins of the Sea God, Njord!

For you are Lord and Lady of the Aesir and Vanir.

All Hail, Fertile Ones of Earth and Sky!

For you complete the Cycle of Life.

All Hail, Freyr, Ruler of the Rain and Sunshine!

For your strong hand keeps life fruitful.

All Hail, Freya, Mistress of Mystery and Magic!

For you kindle the imagination and spark the heart.

All Hail, Freyr and Freya!

We honor you this eve!

(AeonOHorus) *Mugwort and dried roses are offered into the fire for Freyr and Freya .*

Freyr and Freya, accept our offering!

All: Freyr and Freya; All Hail and Welcome!

Sunna (Moondragon)

All Hail, The Rider of the horse drawn Sun-Wagon.

For it is your hands that have shaped the Sun.

All Hail, The Gleaming One who is shining in might!

For it is your light that blesses the dying.

All Hail, The Glorious Bride of the Heavens!

For you are the foe of all who travel dark paths wishing ill-will.

All Hail, The Summer Sun!

For on Midsummer your power reaches its height.

(AeonOHorus) *An offering of a sun-wheel is made upon the fire.*

Sunna, Great Goddess of Light and Life, accept our offering!

All: Sunna, All Hail and Welcome!

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

Praise Offerings

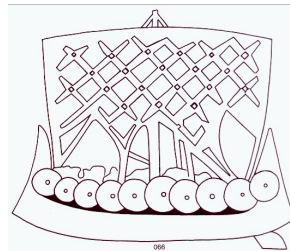
Ritual participants are given an opportunity to make praise offerings in the form of poetry, song, dance, or works of their hands etc. Please avoid clapping after praise offerings.

Seasonal Enactment

Once all praise offering our complete. AeonOHorus and Rachael will leave the Nemeton and go to the ship.

(Raven) Behold good Folk, the long ship that will carry Balder to the Otherworld approaches!

As these words are spoken the AeonOHorus and Rachael will process into the Nemeton, circling once, carrying the ship. The ship will then be placed in the shrine prepared for it.



(Raven) We will now prepare Balder for his long journey to the Otherworld. You are now invited to come forward and place goods within the ship sending Balder off in a manner befitting the son of a King. As you place these goods within the ship you may do so in silence or you may lift the horn to make a toast, boast or oath sending Balder, the Fairest and Brightest, off on the journey we must all take.

Participants come forward to place grave goods in the ship and to give honor to Balder. Once all have had an opportunity to give grave goods and honor to Balder, Raven will offer Nanna as a companion for Balder's journey. AeonOHorus will then place any remaining offering into the ship. Once all goods have been placed in the ship. AeonOHorus and Rachael will lift the ship onto the fire. As the ship is lifted into the fire and begins to burn all will join in the following prayer lead by Carrion.

(Carrion) Good Folk, join me now in prayer as Balder begins his journey.

Repeat prayer three times pausing for a four count between each.

Lo, there do I see my father

Lo, there do I see my mother and my sisters and my brothers

Lo, there do I see the line of my people back to the beginning

Lo, they do call to me

They bid me take place among them in the Halls of Valhalla

Where the brave may live forever...

(Borrowed from the movie The 13th Warrior)

After the prayer has been recited the assembly will stand in silence for a few moments as the ship burns.

(Raven) Grieve not, Good Folk! For the young hero is not gone forever. Balder will return at the sounding of Gjallarhorn, for he is the hope of an age! Just as Balder now journeys, we too will one day journey to the Otherworld to fulfill the cycle of life, death and rebirth.

Sacrifice and Omen

(AeonOHorus)

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. (AeonOHorus & Rachael)

(AeonOHorus)

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. (AeonOHorus & Rachael)

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 AeonOHorus and Raven with take, interpret and pronounce the Omen. One Rune is drawn for each of the three Kindred.

(AeonOHorus)

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) & (Sidhe Wolf)

***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.

(Sidhe Wolf) 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!

(Sidhe Wolf) 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!

(Sidhe Wolf) 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.

(AeonOHorus) Behold the Waters of Life!

(Raven) Shining Ones hear and bless us.

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

(Raven) Freyr and Freya, bringers of fertility and good harvest hallow these Waters of Life.

(Raven) Sunna, Great Goddess of Light and Life, hallow these Waters of Life.

AeonOHorus lifts the horns before the participants.

(AeonOHorus) Behold the Waters of Life!

All: Behold the Waters of Life!

(AeonOHorus) 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.

(Moondragon) Bright Sunna, Rider of the horse drawn Sun-Wagon May you continue to shine brightly upon Midgard. Gleaming One, we thank you for your blessings this eve.

(offering a final token of herbs to the fire) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Sunna, we thank you!

(Raven) Freyr and Freya, Lord and Lady of the Aesir and Vanir. May you continue to bring your fertility and magic into your lives. Bright Twins, we thank you for your blessings this eve.

(offering a final token of herbs to the fire) May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Freyr and Freya, 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 herbs to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Thor, we thank you!

(AeonOthor) Aesir, Shining Ones, Eldest and Brightest. 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 herbs to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Aesir, we thank you!

(Carrion) Alfar 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 herbs to the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Alfar 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 herbs 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 herbs 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 herbs 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 herbs 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 herbs 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.

(AeonOthor)

By the land before us!

(Raven Mann)

By the seas about us!

(Raven Mann)

By the sky above us!

(Raven Mann)(AeonOthor)(Carrion Mann)

Let the Gates be closed!

(AeonOHorus) 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 (AeonOHorus)

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)**.

(AeonOHorus) 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)**.

(AeonOHorus) 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)**.

(AeonOHorus) 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)**.

(AeonOHorus) 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)**.

(AeonOHorus) 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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