

Whispering Lake Grove

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Samhain Ritual

October 30, 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)**.

(Sidhe Wolf) 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)**.

(Eld Naðr) 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 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.

(Sidhe Wolf) 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 oak. 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

*It's The Blood of the Ancients
That Runs Through Our Veins
And The Forms Pass
But The Circle of Life Remains*

by Ellen Klaver & Charlie Murphy

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

Opening Blessings

Earth Mother & Sky Father

(Moon Dragon) *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!

(Rachel) *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)

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) *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!

(Carrion Mann) And now we raise our voices in song to the Earth Mother and Sky Father.

All in song

Earth Mother, We sing to your body,

Earth Mother, We sing to your bones,

Earth Mother, We honor your body,

Earth Mother, We honor your stones.

(lyrics and music written by an unknown author)

Sky Father, We sing to your spirit,

Sky Father, We sing to your light,

Sky Father, We honor your spirit,

Sky Father, We honor your might,

(lyrics by Scaan Glass)

Your children, We gather before you,

Your children, Together we call,

Your children, We honor your presence,

Your children, Look to us all.

(lyrics by Raven and Carrion Mann)

Divine Inspiration (Carrion Mann)

Goddess of inspiration and poetry,

Great Mother of song and 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.

(Eld Naðr) *An offering of cream & honey is placed in the offering bowl for Brighid.*

Lady Brighid, accept our offering!

All: Brighid, be welcome among us!

(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 Mann)

Tonight we gather between the Earth and Sky.
To worship and honor the Kindred as one people.
To sing their praise and make our sacrifice.
As we seek their blessings in return.

We gather this night in celebration of the turning wheel.
Enjoying the final fruits of the harvest.
Tonight we celebrate life, death and rebirth,
As we remember those who have walked before us.

We gather this night at the crossroads.
In celebration of the Feast of Samhain.
Enjoying the company of friends and family.
As we remembering the ways of old.
While we welcome the new year before us.

(Raven Mann)

“The Morrighan and the Dagda upon the River Boyne”

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 (Moon Dragon)

Mighty oak 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 Mann)

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 & 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!

(Carrion) Let us now sing our praise to the Kindred.

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

Repeat chant three times

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Kindred Offerings

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

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!

Noble Spirits, join us in celebration this night!

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

Noble Spirits, accept our offering!

All: Noble Spirits, be welcome among us!

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
Beloved Dead of blood and spirit
Ancestors of flesh and bone
Hear us, Teachers and Guides, for we are in need of your wisdom!

Mighty Dead, join us in celebration this night!

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

Ancestors, accept our offering!

All: Ancestors, be welcome among us!

Shining Ones (Eld Naðr)

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!

Shining Ones, join us in celebration this night!

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

Shining Ones, accept our offering!

All: Shining Ones, be welcome among us!

Key Offerings

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

Morrighan (Sidhe Wolf)

On the wings of a raven the huntress rides the night.
Calling to her chosen few before the day's first light.
Great warriors have seen the withered hag upon the river's ford.
As she washes their blood soaked armor; removed from bodies torn.

Her vengeance brings great warriors forth.
Her fury fuels their fires.
Her rage fills their hearts and minds.
Their slain bodies quench her desires.

War is waged; the battle won.
The slain lay upon the ground.
The raven shrieks from over head.
Until their souls are found.

Great Phantom Queen of the Celts
Their death is not fore lorn.
For it is through you Great Morrighan
That a warrior's soul is reborn.

O, Great Queen, we offer you welcome this night.
An offering red wine and apples is made.
Morrighan, accept our offering!

All: Morrighan, be welcome among us!

Dagda (Raven Mann)

From out of the hollow hills; a tall, broad shadow strides.
Upon his back a magic harp does ride.
Many have heard its gentle call;
Sweet music to turn the wheel toward fall.

His cauldron fills those that keep their oaths.
His bounty rewards their courage.
His club gives life yet death may bring.
To those opposing this mighty High King.

Enchanted was the Great Good God;
Upon the river, Boyne.
Through secret knowledge that was shared,
A victory was born.

All father of the Tuatha De Dannan.
Eldest and wisest of us all.
Through you we feed our sacred flames and
plant our seeds this fall.

O, Great Good God, we welcome you among us this night.
An offering of oatmeal and beer is made.



Dagda, accept our offering!

All: Dagda, be welcome among us!

Seasonal Enactment

Following the Seasonal Enactment, 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.

(Raven Mann)

On the eve of Samhain the Ancients, our Ancestors would make dark the hearth's fire which was then rekindled from the flames of the Need Fire. As we prepare to extinguish our hearth's fire we reflect upon the events of the past year, upon our successes as well as our failures.

As we look forward to the new year that lays before us, the time is ripe for making a fresh start, a new beginning for Samhain is a time of death and rebirth. Those among us who wish to leave something in the past year as it comes to an end may now do so in the flames of the hearth's fire.

Participants are given an opportunity to leave something in the past year by burning it in the hearth's fire before it is extinguished.

(Carrion Mann)

For many of us the past year has held both joy and sorrow, as we remember the challenges we have faced as our young Grove struggled to maturity.

(Moondragon)

This night we also remember those of our tribe that are no longer among our number. May the blessing of health, wealth and wisdom be with them.

(Carrion Mann)

Tonight we thank all those that have strived to see our Grove grow closer to the Kindred and to each other over the past year.

(Moondragon)

As the old year comes to a close, so too do two leadership positions within the Grove. As the light of the old year wanes, Carrion and I see our oaths of service to our Grove and our tribe fulfilled.

(Carrion Mann)

As our Ancestors once did, we too will now make dark our sacred fire knowing that all things must die to be reborn a new. As we extinguish the flames we place our trust in the Kindred of Land, Sea and Sky.

Carrion and Moondragon extinguish the fire with sand at this time.

(Carrion Mann)

The only protection that now lies between us and the endless winter is our fire that lies in the South. We will give honor, as did the Ancients to the Dark One, the guardian of death and rebirth, whose hospitality has been shared with the Mighty Dead. To our Ancestors the apple was the symbol of life, death and rebirth and so we offer these to you Great and Mighty Donn.

Apples are offered at the Southern Fire.

(Raven Mann)

Good folk! Turn now your attention to the Shrine of the Ancestors. Behold! The Mighty Dead approach. It is good and proper that we make them welcome.

We commune with and give honor to the Mighty Dead, who have traveled far to be with us this eve.

We commune with and give honor to both Ancestors of blood and Ancestors of spirit.

We commune with and give honor to those friends and family, who have passed from this world to the next, during this past year.

Now good folk, welcome home the Mighty Dead. You may now approach the Shrine and spend a few moments communing with and giving honor to those who have returned to be with us this eve.

All are given time to approach and commune with the Mighty Dead.

(Raven Mann)

For the Ancients no words were held more sacred than those of an oath sworn by leaders to the people they served. Tonight, the leadership of our Grove will take such an oath. May all who have gathered bear witness.

Grove officer's come forward and gather at the fire.

Oath of Service (Raven, Carrion, Moondragon, Eld Naðr)

Our roots run deep; our branches high

Our love for the Kindred; none shall deny

Taking up the oath ring. Upon this ring we swear our oath to serve the Kindred and the folk.

May our worship be true as we honor the Holy Ones

Our actions just as we serve our kin and clan

May our love be pure that we may grow and prosper

May Manannan Mac Lir part the mists before us

That health, wealth and wisdom might be ours!

(Raven, Carrion, Moondragon, Eld Naðr)

Light the new year fire.

(Raven Mann)

We now give thanks to both the Morrighan and the Dagda for this gift of life during this time of death. All who wish to be purified and all who wish to make sacrifice to the new years fire; as well as those who offer praise to the Kindred are invited to do so at this time.

Participants are given an opportunity to make offering to the new year fire as well as offerings of praise.

Sacrifice and Omen

(Eld Naðr)

Through Manannan MacLir, Great Warder and Guardian of the Ways, 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!

Noble Spirits, 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 Mighty Ones who offer their wisdom and inspiration.

We call out once more from the crossroads!

We call to the Shining Ones 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 sacrifice!

All: Kindred, accept our sacrifice!

(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 Noble Spirits, 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 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. 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 Shining Ones, 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 Eld Naðr and Raven with take, interpret and pronounce the Omen. One Ogham 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 _____.

From the Mighty Dead _____.

From the Shining Ones _____.

The Blessing (Raven) & (Carrion)

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

The following words will be spoken over the cups.

(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!

The cups are lifted saluting the fire, well and tree.

(Eld Naðr) Behold the Waters of Life!

(Raven) Shining Ones hear and bless us.

(Raven) Great Phantom Queen of the Irish Celts, hallow these waters of life.

(Raven) Great Good God, hallow these waters of life.

Eld Naðr lifts the cups 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 cups 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.

(Raven) Dagda, Great Good God, All Father of the Tuatha, Excellent are your skills. Let us open our ears so that we may hear the great harps call. May we have the courage to take of the cauldron of plenty as you share with us the secrets of rebirth. Oh Mighty Chieftain of Danu, we thank you this night for your love and guidance. **(a bannock is offered upon the fire)**. May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Dagda, we thank you!

(Sidhe Wolf) Great Morrighan, Mighty Phantom Queen of the Celts; Many are your guises. As both the Enchantress and hag upon the ford you attend to us. Oh Raven of Warrior's Dreams, we thank you for your strength and courage through the cycles of life. **(a bannock is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Morrighan, we thank you!

(Eld Naðr) 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. **(a bannock is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Shining Ones, we thank you!

(Carrion) Mighty Dead 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. **(a bannock is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Mighty Dead, we thank you!

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

All: Noble Spirits, we thank you!

(Carrion) Lady Brigid, Great Mother of song and music. We thank you for your blessings of inspiration and eloquence. **(a bannock is offered upon the fire)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Brigid, we thank you!

(Moon Dragon) Danu, Great Goddess of Sovereignty and Ancient Mother of the Mighty Tuatha, we thank you for your life-giving magic that sustains all life.

(Rachael) Bile, Great God of the creative spark and Father of the Adventurous Gael, we thank you this night for the illuminating power of the Sky!

(Eld Naðr) Earth Mother and Sky Father, Mother and Father of all that was, all that is and all that will be. **(a bannock is offered upon the fire)** 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 bannock is offered upon the fire)** 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 by Eld Naðr

Grove Attunement

(Sidhe Wolf) Good folk, join hands 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 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)**.

(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. **(pause)**.

(Sidhe Wolf) Let us now join our energy as one. See this energy as it flows throughout all who have gathered here this eve. See this energy as its power surges in us. Take of this energy what you need. **(Pause for a 2 count)**

(Eld Naðr) Let the energy that remains flow from us through our roots and our branches, returning to the Earth and Sky. See this energy as it travels to the Great Lake **(pause)**. See this energy renew and restore that water that supports and surrounds us. See it heal and protect these waters as we conclude our worship.
(Pause for a 4 count)

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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