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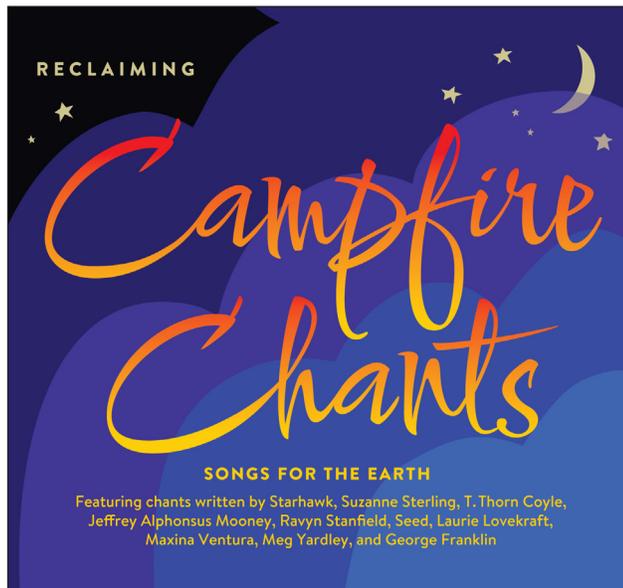
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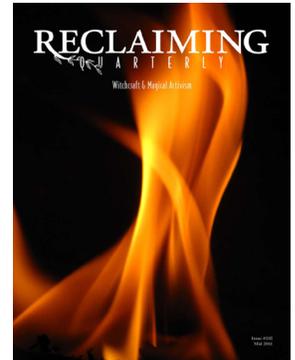


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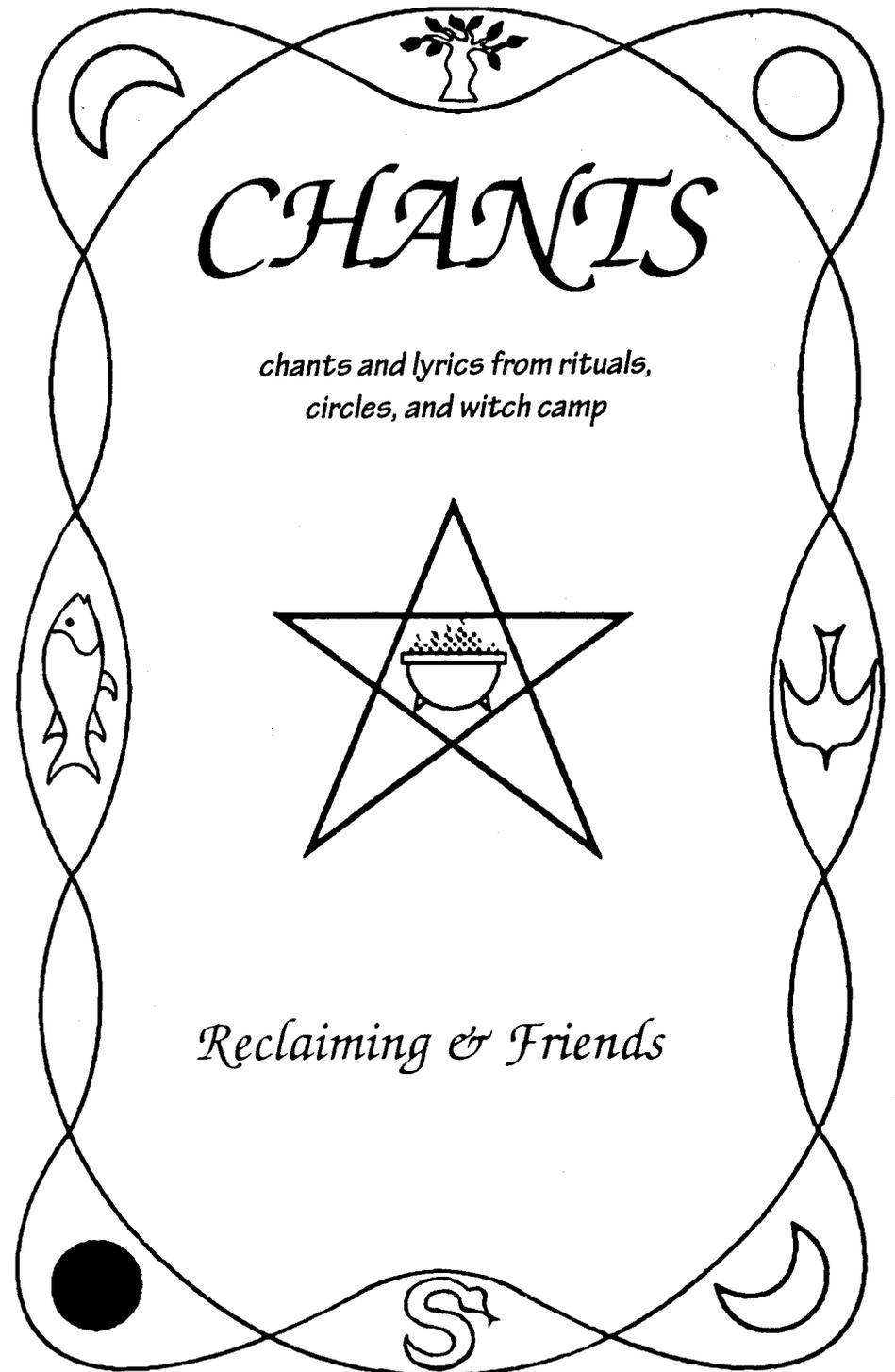
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# Chants

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We reproduce these lyrics in hopes that they will be more widely used, and that people who know only part of a favorite chant or song will find the rest of the words here.

Because many of the selections here were passed on by “oral tradition,” we have been unable to identify authors for some of them. We apologize for the omission, and ask anyone who knows such credits to contact us — see below.

This is a first edition. We may produce a second, expanded edition. If you have a favorite song or chant that you want to see included, if you know a specific author or credit for a lyric included here, or if you have suggestions, please contact George Franklin c/o Reclaiming Quarterly — see below.

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\* indicates the chant is on Chants: Ritual Music

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# invoking the directions and elements

## The Earth, the Water The Fire, the Air

The Earth, the water, the fire, the air  
return, return, return, return

— Michael Tierra



## Earth My Body

Earth my body  
Water my blood  
Air my breath and  
Fire my spirit

## Powerful Song \*\*

Powerful song of radiant light  
weave us the web that spins the night  
Web of stars that holds the dark  
Weave us the Earth that feeds the spark

Descant:  
Strand by strand, hand over hand  
Thread by thread we weave our web

— Pandora, Starhawk, Rose May Dance

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## Welcome the Air

Welcome the air and the fire and the water  
Welcome the Earth and the spirit that's within  
Welcome the directions and elements, all sacred things  
And honor their connection to that which is within

Welcome the east, inspiration and intellect  
Welcome the air and the clarity that's within

Welcome the south, creative will and passion  
Welcome the south, and the energy within

Welcome the west, intuition and emotion  
Welcome the west, and the empathy within

Welcome the north, the senses and the body  
Welcome the north, and the harmony within

Welcome the center, infinity, eternity  
Welcome the spirit, divinity within

— Pali A'Kala



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## Circle Casting Song \*\*

Eastern Morning/First breath of the soul  
World view forming/Sacred and whole  
Wind of knowledge/Simple and wise  
Bringer of the lightning/That strikes in our minds  
Come to us — be here now

Southern fire/White rays of the sun  
Source of will/That always is done  
Heat of passion/Longing and need  
You who push the Green one/Out of the seed  
Come to us — be here now

Western river/Devotee of the moon  
Gentle sculptor/Of babes in the womb  
Spring of Jubilation/Courage and Tears  
Giver of the sweet love/That soothes all our fears  
Come to us — be here now

Northern mountain/Body of the Earth  
Finite treasure/Of infinite worth  
Cave of transformation/Childbirth and death  
Suckler of the wild ones/Who curl upon your breast  
Come to us — be here now

— Susan Falkenrath Wolf



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## Down Down Down

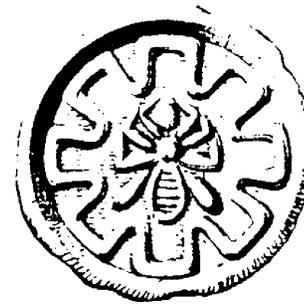
Down, Down, Down, Down  
Anchor my soul  
to the depths of the Earth  
Nothing can sweep me  
off my feet anymore  
Centered and steady I stand



## Water and Stone \*

Solid as a rock  
Safe within the harbor  
Ancient as a stone  
Strong as the sea  
Solid as a rock  
Set deep within the Mother  
And water that flows around me

— Raven Moonshadow



## Sweet Water Rolling

Sweet water rolling, Sweet water roll  
Rolling from the fountain, Rolling from the fountain  
Sweet water rolling, Sweet water roll

## Come Earth

Come Earth , Come air , Come fire, Come water (3x)  
Bring us the power to heal

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## We are a Circle Within a Circle

We are a circle within a circle  
With no beginning and never ending

You hear us sing, you hear us cry  
Now hear us call you, spirits of air and sky

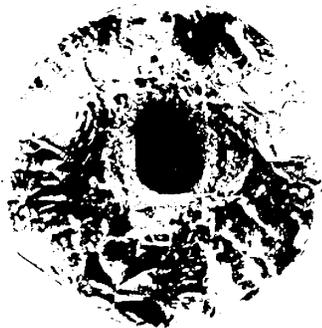
Inside our hearts, there glows a spark  
Love and desire, a burning fire

Within our blood, within our tears  
There lies the altar of living water

Take our fear, take our pain  
Take the darkness into the Earth again

The circle closes between the worlds  
To mark this sacred space where we come face to face

— *Rick Hamouris*



## Born of Water \*

Born of water  
Cleansing, powerful  
Healing, changing  
We are  
Born of water  
Gentle, powerful  
Healing, changing  
We are

— *Women's Workshop*

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## Rise with the Fire \*

And we can rise with the fire of freedom  
Truth is the fire that burns our chains  
And we can stop the fire of destruction  
Healing is the fire running through our veins

— *Starhawk*

## Air Moves Us \*

Air moves us  
Fire transforms us  
Water shapes us  
Earth heals us  
And the balance of the wheel  
Goes round and round  
And the balance of the wheel goes round.

— *Cathleen Shell, Cybele, Moonsea, Prune*

## Whirlwind Woman

Dancing in the desert (forest, autumn, etc)  
Underneath the moon  
Whirling like a whirlwind woman  
Warm air spins around me  
Wrapping me in Her cocoon  
Whirling like a whirlwind woman

In the desert night, my spirit takes flight (2x)

— *by Sally*

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## Air I Am \*

Air I am, fire I am  
water, earth, and spirit I am

— *Andras Corbin*



### the sun's birthday

i who have died am alive again  
today  
this is the sun's birthday  
this is the birthday of life and love  
and wings  
the gay great happening,  
illimitably earth

— *from e.e. cummings*

## Spiraling into the Center

Spiraling into the center  
The center of our soul (2x)  
We are the weavers  
We are the woven ones  
We are the dreamers  
We are the dream

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## Wings of a Hawk

And the east wind comes on the wings of a hawk  
And the east wind comes on the wings of a hawk  
And She circles high with Her piercing eye  
And with piercing eye She knows our hearts

And the south fire is Her passion a-flame  
And the south fire is Her passion a-flame  
And Her fires rise and Her blood runs hot  
Flowing through our veins to warm our hearts

And Her waters are clear mountain springs  
And Her waters are clear mountain springs  
Cool and sweet to taste as we kneel to drink  
Cool and sweet to taste to quench our thirst

And the north Earth is Her darkness within  
And the north Earth is Her darkness within  
And within the dark of Her silent womb  
Deep within the dark we are born

And the center is Her cauldron of change  
And the center is Her cauldron of change  
With the wild realm of all possibilities  
All possibilities within our hearts

— *David Miller*



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## The Circle We Spin

*Chorus:*

The sun comes up and the sun goes down  
The moon in the sky goes round and round  
Winter, spring, summer, fall  
The circle we spin is the circle in all

Eastern wind in the dawn so bright  
Blow away the fears of night  
What was lost will rise anew  
The circle in me is the circle in you

Beating heart and burning fire  
Fan the flames of our desire  
What was lost...

Ocean wave and cleansing rain  
Bring us love and ease our pain  
What was lost...

Constant star in the midnight sky  
Roots so deep and branches high  
What was lost...

First we're born and then we die  
The moon makes a circle in the sky  
What was lost...



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## Come to Me

Power of the winds, come to me (2x)  
Come to me on the wings of dawn  
Power of the winds, come to me

Power of the flame, come to me (2x)  
Come to me, bring sparks of change  
Power of the flame, come to me

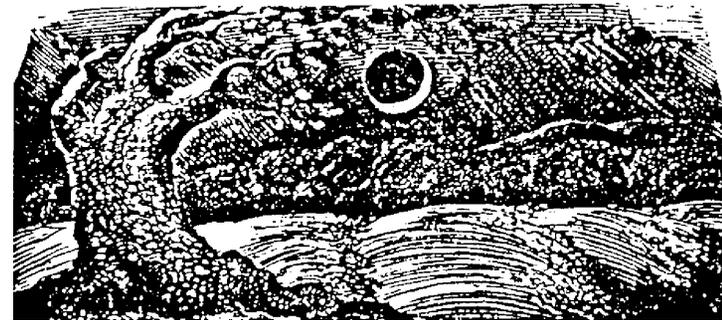
Power of the ocean, come to me (2x)  
Come to me, swim through my dreams  
Power of the ocean, come to me

Power of the darkness, come to me (2x)  
Come to me, oh Earthen flesh  
Power of the darkness, come to me

Power of the spiral, come to me (2x)  
Come to weave me in your web  
Power of the spiral, come to me

Power of the grandmothers come to me  
Power of the spirits, come to me  
Come to me from your watchtowers  
Power of the guardians, come to me

— by *Brigid*



# invoking the goddess

## In Her Peace

In Her peace, in Her peace  
In Her wisdom, find release  
I am Goddess, I am Goddess

## Beautiful Woman

Beautiful woman, welcome  
Beautiful woman, welcome  
Fire and spirit, beauty and wisdom  
Beautiful woman, welcome

## Lady Weave Your Circle Tight

Lady, weave your circle tight  
Spin a web of glowing light  
Earth and air and fire and water  
Bind us to you

## The Earth is our Mother

The Earth is our Mother, We must take care of Her (2x)  
Hey, yona, Ho yona, Hey na ha (2x)  
Her sacred ground we walk upon, with every step we take (2x)

— adapted from a Hopi chant

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## She's Been Waiting

She's been waiting, waiting  
She's been waiting so long  
She's been waiting for Her children  
To remember to come home

— Paula Walowitz



## Snake Woman \*

Snake Woman, shedding Her skin (2x)  
Shedding, shedding, shedding Her skin (2x)  
Bird Woman taking flight...  
Star Woman shining bright...  
Moon Woman riding the night...  
Blossom Woman opening wide...

— Starhawk



## Touching Her Deep \*

Touching Her deep  
Deep in our center

— Feather Singing

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## Goddess Medley \*

1. Isis, Astarte, Diana, Hecate, Demeter, Kali, Inanna

2. We are an old people  
We are a new people  
We are the same people  
Deeper than before

3. I am a strong woman  
I am a story woman  
I am a healer  
My soul will never die

4. We are an old planet  
We are a new planet  
We are the same planet  
Greener than before

— Deena Metzger, morning  
feather (Will  
Shepardson),  
Greenham Common,  
Jess Shoup



## Ice Cream, A Tart

Ice cream, a tart, coffee, pecan pie, peach cobbler, banana

— Radical Faeries

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## Return to the Mother \*

*poem:*  
All over the world  
The waters are breaking  
Everywhere, everywhere  
The waters are breaking

*chant:*  
And so return  
Return, return  
Return to the Mother

— Judy Grahn/Wind Hags

## We All Come From the Goddess \*

We all come from the Goddess  
And to Her we shall return  
Like a drop of rain  
Flowing to the ocean

Hoof and horn, Hoof and Horn  
All that dies shall be reborn  
Corn and grain, Corn and grain  
All that falls shall rise again

— Z. Budapest, Ian Corrigan

*Additional verse:*  
Wax and wane, wax and wane  
All that dies shall live again



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## Koré Chant \*

She changes everything She touches  
And everything She touches changes

Her name cannot be spoken, Her face was not forgotten  
Her power is to open, Her promise can never be broken

All seeds She deeply buries, She weaves the thread of seasons  
Her secret, darkness carries, She loves beyond all reason

All sleeping seeds She wakens, The rainbow is Her token  
Now winter's power is taken, In love all chains are broken

Everything lost is found again, In a new form, in a new way  
Everything hurt is healed again, In a new time, in a new day

Bright as a flower and strong as a tree  
With our love and with our rage  
Breaking our chains so we can be free  
With our love and with our rage

We are, Changers, Everything we touch can change

Change is, Touch is, Touch is, Change is

Change us, Touch us, Touch us, Change us

— *Lauren Liebling, Starhawk*

*Additional verse::*

There is a woman who weaves the night sky  
See how She spins, see Her fingers fly  
She is within us, beginning to end  
She is our Mother, our sister, our friend

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## Rhiannon \*\*

Rhiannon carry us  
Rhiannon carry us  
Rhiannon carry us over

Crossing the threshold from  
Sleeping to waking from  
Birthing to dying and over

— *Thorn Coyle*



## Shining Silver Wheel \*

Holy Maiden Huntress  
Artemis, Artemis  
Maiden, Come to us

Silver Shining Wheel  
Of radiance, radiance  
Mother, Come to us

Ancient Queen of Wisdom  
Hecate, Cerridwen  
Old One, Come to us

Holy Shining Sunlight  
Radiant, radiant  
Brother, Come to us

— *Peter Soderberg*

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## Barge of Heaven \*\*

Your crescent shaped barge of heaven  
So well belayed, so well belayed  
Full of loveliness like the new moon  
Your fertile fields well-watered  
Hillock lands well-watered, too  
At your mighty rising  
The vines rise up and the fields rise up  
And the desert fills with green  
Just like a living garden  
In the heat of the sun, you are the shade  
A well of water in a dry, dry land  
Swelling fruits to feed the hungry  
Sweet cream to quench our thirst  
Pour it out for me, pour it out for me  
Everything you send me I will drink

— *Adapted by Starhawk from Sumerian,  
translated by Thorkild Jacobsen*



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## Hecate, Cerridwen \*

Hecate, Cerridwen  
Dark Mother, take us in  
Hecate, Cerridwen  
Let us be reborn

— *Patricia Witt*



## Inanna \*\*

We go down as She goes down  
We follow Her underground  
Hail to Inanna  
Who dies to become whole  
And deep calls to deep  
The veils drop by on our way  
As we pass through the gates  
With Inanna as our guide  
We find truth in deepest night  
And deep calls to deep

— *Suzanne Sterling*

## Return of the Goddess \*\*

One thing you can know is true  
I'm coming back to you the way I always do

— *Rose May Dance*

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## Who Is She \*\*

Who is She?/She is the Young One  
With shining eyes and fearless heart  
She brings the dawn  
Who is She?/She is the Young One  
The daring dreamer  
She runs alone/She runs alone  
O silver crescent  
Thou lovely Maiden  
Come, Young One, come

Who is She?/She is the Lover  
Her bones and blood are of the Earth  
She holds us all  
Who is She?/She is the Lover  
Unfailing beauty  
She walks in power/She walks in power  
O blessed full moon  
Thou sacred Mother  
Come, Lover, come

Who is She?/She is the Old One  
Who has survived beyond Her fear  
She laughs out loud  
Who is She?/She is the Old One  
With love and wisdom  
She leads the way/She leads the way  
O waning gold moon  
Thou honored Crone Queen  
Come, Old One, come

Who is She?

— *Vibra and Susan Falkenrath Wolf*



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## The Fates

*chorus:*  
In the cave of Destiny  
She spins, She weaves, She cuts.  
Our fate is fashioned by These Three,  
She spins, She weaves, She cuts.

Whether we walk with light or heavy tread  
Our lives flow from the end of Her silken thread.  
(chorus)

In the den of the Wise, Her shuttle  
'cross our tapestry flies.  
(chorus)

When the weaving is done,  
She cuts the threads of life that were spun.  
(chorus)

— *Thorn Coyle*



## The Lady's Bransle

For She will bring the buds in spring  
And laugh among the flowers  
In summer's heat Her kisses are sweet  
She sleeps in leafy bowers  
She cuts the cane and gathers the grain  
When fruits of fall surround Her  
Her bones grow old in wintry cold  
She wraps Her cloak around Her

— *Hope Ahern*

# invoking both goddess and god

## Radiant & Bright

She is radiant, She is bright  
She is shining, crowned with light

He is radiant, He is bright  
He is shining, He takes flight



## Shakti/Shiva

Shakti, trembling  
Shakti, all through us

Shiva Shiva Shiva Shiva  
Full in darkness  
Full in light

— Beverly Frederick

## Lady Spin Your Circle/Herme, Horned One

Lady spin your circle bright, Weave your web of dark and light  
Earth, Air, Fire, Water, Bind us to you

Herme, Horned One, Hunter 'neath the northern sun  
Watcher at the gates of winter, Flame on the wind

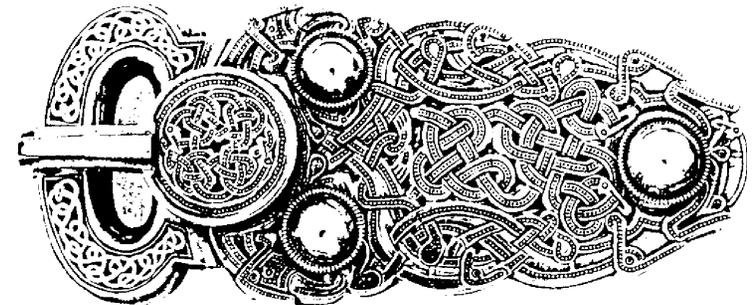
— verses are to the tune of *Hey, Ho, Nobody Home*

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## Ride With Me/We Shall All Be Free

Danu is the Mother  
Sulis is the sun  
Rhiannon, Welsh Lady of the sea  
Bridget, bride of spring  
Cerridwen takes us in  
and Morgan, the mistress of the magic.  
Epona ride with me  
Epona let me ride with thee  
Epona, we shall all be free

Dagda is the father  
Mabon is the son  
Manannon, great lord of the sea  
Green Man is the spring  
and Arawn, takes us in  
and Merlin, the master of the magic  
Cernunnus hunt with me  
Cernunnus let me hunt with thee  
Cernunnus, we shall all be free



# invoking the god

## Sun King (Lugh's Song) \*

O tell me why, O tell me why  
Tell me why must the clouds come to darken the sky?  
O tell me why, O tell me why  
Tell me why must the clouds come to darken the sky?

This is the wake of Lugh the Sun King  
He lost His life on the Solstice day  
This is wake of Lugh the Sun King  
He steps into the dark and guides the way

— *Raven Moonshadow*



## Horned One

Horned one, Mothers son  
Leaper in the corn  
Deep within the Mother  
Die and be reborn

— *Raven Moonshadow /  
Feather Singing*

## His Mystery \*\*

Darkness, the sound of the unknown  
He calls us, His mystery unfolds  
His riddles; A fire from deep inside  
Rekindles memories of night  
Forest and Antler we run with the deer  
Fleet as the roebuck, his breath draws us near

— *Stephan Schoenfield*

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## Come on Down/God Invocation

Come on, come on down  
Come on, come on down  
Come on, come on down  
Come on, come on down

Hey hey up there, with your head in the clouds  
Lend us an ear, we call out loud  
In a voice as strong as our heart's desire  
Words that burn, (clap) like a fire  
Of a faith that could move a magic mountain  
Hope a-flowing like a quicksilver fountain  
And a love as secure as the Earth is round  
Come on, come on down

Like a wild free bird that can't be tamed  
Like desires, that need no name  
Like an age-old branch that becomes a flame  
When the fire stops burning, what remains?  
It's the sacred word that you can't define  
It's the colors that run outside the line  
It's the shiver running up and down your spine  
Break the pattern and you'll find a new design  
Hey join us, if you dare  
I'm sure you must get lonely up there  
But I believe that whatever is lost could be found  
If you come on, come on down

— *George Franklin (some lyrics adapted from Starhawk)*

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*See also page 22 for chants invoking both  
the goddess and the god*

# general chants & lyrics

## Never Lose Our Way to the Well

We will never  
Never lose our way to the well  
Of Her memory  
And the power  
Of Her living flame it will rise, It will rise again

Like the grasses  
Through the dark, through the soil, to the sunlight  
We will rise again  
We are thirsting  
For the waters of life we are moving, We will live again

— *Starhawk, Rose May Dance, Raven Moonshadow*

## We Are the Flow \*

We are the flow, we are ebb  
We are the weavers, we are the web

— *Shekhinah Mountainwater*

## I Circle Around



I circle around, I circle around  
The boundaries of the Earth  
Wearing my long winged feathers as I fly

— *Arapaho Ghost Dance song*

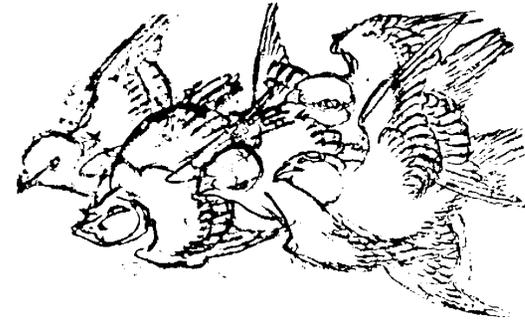
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## We Dance the Gift

We dance the gift of the summer's sun in flight  
We turn the wheel to the passing of the light

Into the dark, goodbye, goodbye (2x)

— *Thorn Coyle*



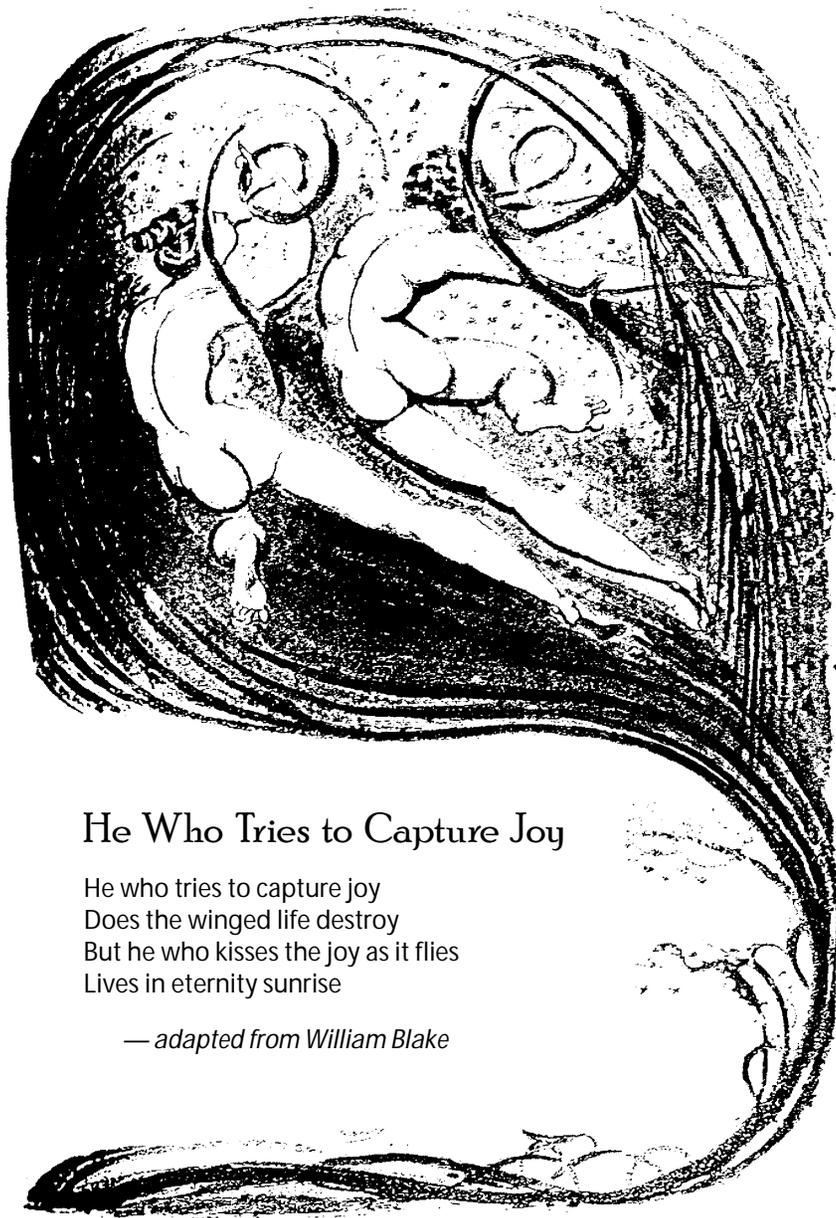
## Days and Days

Days and days rolling over me  
Waves and waves on the open sea  
Night is falling, starlight calling your name

— *Robin Weaver*

## You Can't Kill the Spirit

You can't kill the spirit  
She is like a mountain  
Old and strong  
She goes on and on and on



## He Who Tries to Capture Joy

He who tries to capture joy  
Does the winged life destroy  
But he who kisses the joy as it flies  
Lives in eternity sunrise

— *adapted from William Blake*

## The River Is Flowing

The river is flowing (or: The river She is flowing)  
Flowing and growing  
The river is flowing  
Down to the sea  
Mother carry me  
Your child I will always be (or: A child I will bear for thee)  
Mother carry me  
Down to the sea

## Weave and Spin

Weave and spin, Weave and spin  
This is how the work begins  
Mend and heal, Mend and heal  
Take the dream and make it real

On the same wheel we spin  
Into life and out again  
One is many, many one  
Brewing in Her cauldron

Cerridwen, Cerridwen  
Birth us in your cauldron

— *Starhawk*

## I am the Healer

I am the healer of my own self  
I love me stronger than anyone else  
I wanna be the best me I can be  
I won't go anywhere without you inside me

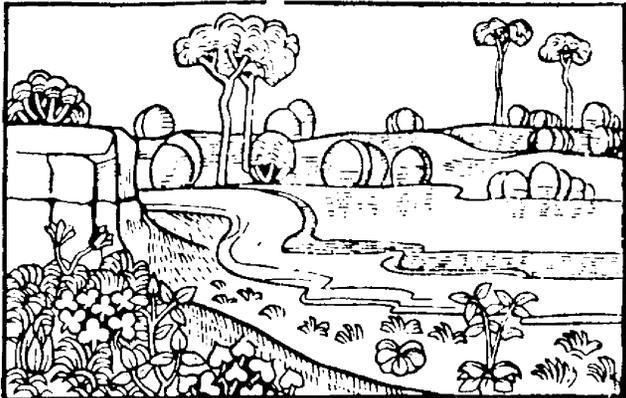
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## We Are the Witches

We are the witches who will never be burned  
We are the witches who have learned what it is to be free  
We will rise up from the flames  
Higher and higher and higher  
Fire's strength we will reclaim  
Higher and higher and higher

Fire of love is burning bright  
Higher and higher and higher  
Flickering and dancing in the night  
Higher and higher and higher

Weave your power with the wind  
We will charge and we will spin  
Higher and higher and higher



## Peace of the River

I take delight in the peace of the river  
Flowing so gently to the strength of the sea  
I take delight in the love that is flowing  
Just like a river between you and me

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## Harvest Chant \*\*

Our hands will work for peace and justice  
Our hands will work to heal the land  
Our feet will trace Her moving patterns  
Let us dance and bless the land  
*[alternate final two lines:]*  
Gather round the harvest table  
Let us feast and bless the land]

Take the gift of love and death  
Take the gift of blood and bone  
Weave the circle breath by breath  
Build the vision stone by stone

— Thorn Coyle, *Starhawk*



## My Roots Go Down

My roots go down, Down into the ground (3x)  
My roots go down  
I am a redwood by the forest  
I am a willow by the water  
I am an oak tree by a hill  
My roots go down

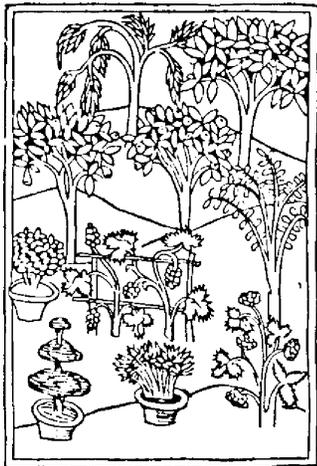
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## Hundreds of Ways

Let the beauty you love  
Be what you do  
There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground.

Let the beauty we love  
Be what we do  
There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the Earth.

— Rumi



## On the Same Wheel We Spin

On the same wheel we spin  
Into (out of) life and out (in) again  
One is many, many one  
Brewing in Her cauldron

## Oh Come Into the Garden

Oh come into the garden  
Into the garden, where your heart lies  
Roses and lilies bloom  
Rosemary and thyme  
Oh come into the garden  
Into the garden, where your heart lies.

— Hilary Valentine

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## Cauldron of Changes

Cauldron of changes, blossom of bone  
Arc of eternity, Hole in the stone

— Holy Terror coven

## You Can't Kill the Spirit

You can't kill the spirit, She is like a mountain  
Old and strong, She goes on and on and on

## We Are the Body of the Earth

We are the body of the Earth  
The Earth is the body of the stars  
We are the stars that circle from life to  
death to birth (2x)

What is your star? (2x)  
What do you bring to birth?  
What is your star?

— Starhawk



## The Beginning of the Earth \*

The ocean is the beginning of the Earth  
All life comes from the sea

— Delaney Johnson, Starhawk

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## Blood of the Ancients

It's the blood of the Ancients, that flows through our veins  
And the forms pass, but the circle of life remains

— *Charlie Murphy*

## Fly Fly Fly

Fly, fly, fly  
The leaves are leaving the branch  
Cold are the winds  
Winter is coming

— *sing as a round, second voice enters as  
first voice sings "branch"*

## Dancing Circles in the Night

If the people live their lives  
As if it were a song, for singing out of light  
Provides the music for the stars  
To be dancing circles in the night

## Life is a Vapor

Life is a vapor, full of woes  
She cuts a caper, down She goes  
Down She, down She, down She, down She  
Down She goes

— *Golden Book of Songs*

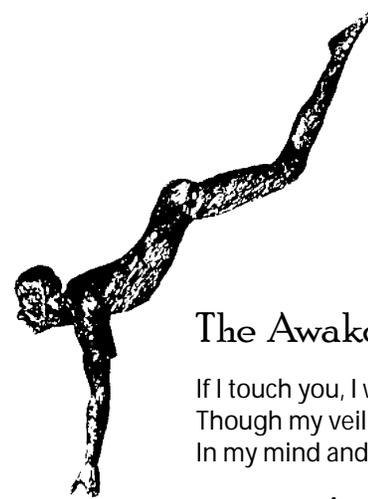
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## We Are Alive \*

We are alive, As the Earth is alive  
We have the power, To fight for our freedom

If we have courage we can be healers  
Like the sun We shall rise

— *Rose May Dance, Starhawk*



## Free the Heart \*\*

Free the heart and let it go  
What we reap is what we sow

## The Awakening \*\*

If I touch you, I will know you  
Though my veil be drawn, you're glowing  
In my mind and soul and body

— *Anne Hill*

## The Fool \*\*

Night and stars are falling down  
A wild breeze is blowing  
Earth and Moon are whirling round  
The fool walks through the door

— *Suzanne Sterling*

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## Wings \*\*

Wandering in the deep of the night  
A thousand birds take flight  
And our dreams are born  
On the wings of change  
We are weaving the world tonight

— *Suzanne Sterling and Witchcampers*



## All Shall Be Well

All shall be well (2x)  
All manner of things shall be well

\_\_\_\_\_ shall be well (2x)  
All manner of things shall be well

— *Buddhist meditation*

## Where Shall We Go

Where shall we go  
To find our home?  
How will we love?  
How will we be friends?

## When We Are Gone \*\*

When we are gone, they will remain  
Wind and rock, fire and rain  
They will remain, when we return  
The wind will blow, and the fire will burn

— *Starhawk and Anne Hill*

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## Where There's Fear There's Power \*

Where there's fear there's power  
Passion is the healer  
Desire cracks open the gate  
If you're ready it'll take you through

But nothing lasts forever  
Time is the destroyer  
The wheel turns again and again  
Watch out, it'll take you through

But nothing dies forever  
Nature is the renewer, The wheel turns again and again  
If you're ready it'll take you through

— *Starhawk*

## Every Step I Take

Every step I take is a healing step (2x)  
Healing, healing  
Healing my body  
Healing, healing  
Healing the Earth

— *Donald Engstrom*

## Let It Begin Now

Let it begin with each step we take  
And let it begin with each change we make  
And let it begin with each chain we break  
And let it begin every time we awake

— *Starhawk*

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## We are the Power in Everyone

We are the power in everyone  
We are the dance of the moon and sun  
We are the hope that will not hide  
We are the turning of the tide

— *Starhawk*



## We Are One with the Infinite Sun

We are one with the infinite sun  
forever and ever and ever

— *Native American chant*

## Cycles of the Moon

Cycles of the moon, the stars, the Earth  
Secrets of the path from death to birth  
Keeper of the flame, the source, the light  
Presence of the deep, the dark, the night

— *George Franklin*

## Sparks \*\*

Sparks from the hearth  
Of the Queen of Death and Life  
Swarm through the dark  
Dance through the dark.

— *Robin Gall*



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## Gone Gone Beyond

Gone  
Gone  
Gone beyond  
Gone beyond, beyond  
Hail the goer

Gaté  
Gaté  
Para gaté  
para sam gaté  
bodhi sva ha

— *Buddhist chant*



## Goodnight Fair Witches

Goodnight fair witches  
Lay down your head and rest  
Lay down your weary head and be the mountain's guest  
The stars will guide you, your dreams will do the rest  
So I bid you goodnight, goodnight, goodnight

## If I Touch You

If I touch you, I will know you  
Though my veil be drawn, you're glowing  
In my mind and soul and body

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## I Am But One \*\*

### *Twelfth Brother*

I am but one  
I am but half and half  
I move between the worlds  
I bring your message to the world

### *Janet*

I hear a voice  
It calls from far away  
I move between the worlds  
I go in spite of what they say

### *Faerie Queen*

You'll shed no tears  
You'll hear no human cry  
You shall in beauty dwell  
And you will never ever die

### *Tam Lin*

My eyes are jewels  
My heart is fire  
Come hold me fast to you  
You will have all that you desire

### *Janet*

I hear a call  
It comes from far away  
I'll follow where it leads  
Beyond the gates of night and day

— *Rose May Dance, Jan Bates*



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## Weaver Weaver

Weaver, Weaver, weave (Her) thread  
Whole and strong into your web  
Healer, Healer, heal (Her) pain  
In love may (She) return again

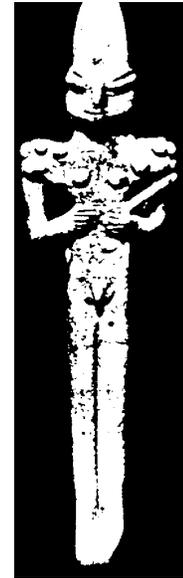
We are dark and we are bright  
We are formed of earth and light  
Of joy and pain our lives are spun  
But all too soon the spinning's done

No one knows why we are born  
A web is made, a web is torn  
Like wandering seabirds we alight  
To rest one moment, then take flight

So may (She) find the hidden way  
Beyond the gates of night and day  
To that sweet land where apples grow  
And endless healing waters flow

Of that spring, may (She) drink deep  
And wake to dream, and die to sleep  
And dreaming spin another form  
A shining thread of life reborn

— *Starhawk*



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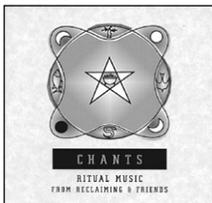
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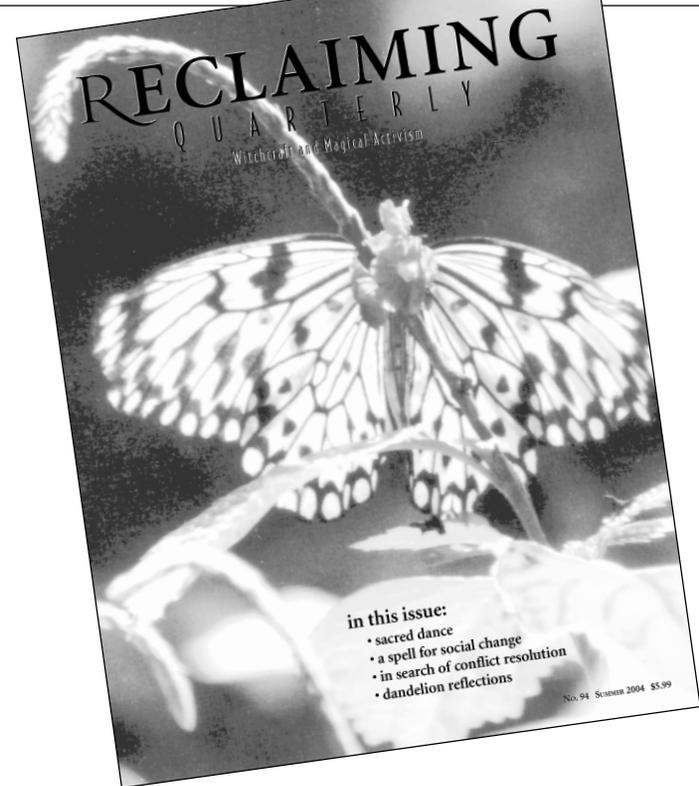
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### \*\*\*LET THE BEAUTY WE LOVE

Let the beauty we love, be what we do

There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground

-- words by Rumi, arranged by Jeffrey Alphonsus Mooney

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### NEVER LOSE OUR WAY TO THE WELL

We will never, never lose our way

To the well of her memory (liberty)

And the power of her living flame

It will rise, it will rise again

(song is recorded as part of Starhawk's meditation, Way to the Well, available as download or streaming at all outlets)

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### WELCOME BRIGDHE

Welcome Brighde

O Brighde is come

Brighde is welcome

-- The Goddess's name is pronounced "Breed" for this chant

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HOLY WELL and SACRED FLAME

Holy well and sacred flame (repeat many times, overlap)

Alternate words: Epsom salts and alcohol

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OPENING UP IN SWEET SURRENDER

We are opening up in sweet surrender to the luminous love-light of the One (Sun) (2x)

We are opening, we are opening (2x)

-- by Anna Moffett

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EARTH MY BODY/TIERRA MI CUERPO

Earth my body, water my blood,

Air my breath and Fire my spirit

Tierra mi cuerpo, Agua mi sangre

Aire mi aliento y fuego mi espiritu

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HUMBLE YOURSELF IN THE ARMS OF THE WILD

Humble yourself in the arms of the wild, you gotta lay down low and

Humble yourself in the arms of the wild, you gotta ask what she knows and

We shall lift each other up, higher and higher (2x)

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\*\*\*MY SOUL

Chorus: If my soul says so, I do as my soul says (3x)

Verse: I am breathing, I am willing, I am open

I am stepping out into the unknown

I am walking, though uncertain, I am willing

To listen to the yearning in my soul

--by Suzanne Sterling and Jeffree Alphonsus Mooney

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\*\*\*WE ARE THE RISING SUN

We are the rising sun

We are the change

We are the ones we've been waiting for

And we are dawning...

-- by Ravyn Stanfield

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\*\*\*COME THE NIGHT, ON

Come, come the night, on

It is the time of growing

It is the time of changing

Come, come the night, on

-- by Maxina Ventura, Winter Solstice, 2002

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WELCOME/FAREWELL TO THE ELEMENTS

Welcome the air, and the fire and the water

Welcome the earth, and the spirit that's within

REVERSE DIRECTIONS TO DEVOKE:

Farewell to spirit, to earth, and to water

Farewell to fire, and the air that's all around

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HOLD ON

Hold on, hold on

Through the darkness, until the dawn

Hold on, hold on

Hold the vision, until it's born

-- By Brook Schoenfeld and Starhawk

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THE HOUSE OF LOVE

Take off your head (mask)

Put it on the ground (Smash it on the ground, Bury it in the ground)

That's how you enter

The house of love

I wanna stay in my body

I 'm gonna be here a long time

-- by Contraband

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TO THE CROSSROADS

To the crossroads I must go

To find a world unseen

Fear and wonder will I know

And be a bridge between

Come away my human child  
To find the world unseen  
Know the hearth and know the wild  
And be a bridge between

Come away oh human child  
Come take me by the hand  
To the water and the wild  
Into another land

You will shed no human tear  
And hear no human cry  
You shall in beauty dwell  
And you will never die

-- from W. B. Yeats

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FLY, FLY, FLY

Fly, fly, fly

The leaves are leaving the branch

Cold are the winds,

Winter is coming

-- sing as a round, starting second voice as first voice sings "branch"

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BLOOD OF MY FAMILY

In my veins runs the blood of my family

The blood of my family, the blood of my family

In my veins runs the blood of my family

The blood of my family in me

2. Under my skin lie the bones of my family

3. On my head is the hair of my family

4. I'm singing now with the voice of my family

-- by George Franklin - written at Witchlets in the Woods 2004 for Older Kids' Path

ADDITIONAL VERSES BY SEED AND GEORGE:

5. In my mouth is the spit of my family

6. Up my nose is the snot of my family
7. Behind my back is the butt of my family

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#### MAGICAL ACTIVISM CHANT

Let's feed the seeds of justice  
beneath the cold concrete.  
the powers of love are rising  
and breaking through the streets  
-- by Starhawk and Loreleycampers

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#### DUTCH GROUNDING CHANT

diep, diep, diep, diep,  
diep in de aarde  
onder de grond  
daar ligt mijn krachtbron

met wortels  
vanaf mijn kont  
diep, diep, diep

[IN ENGLISH:]

deep, deep, deep,  
deep down in the earth  
beneath the grass  
lies my source of power  
with roots growing  
from my ass

deep, deep, deep  
-- by Yoeke, Lorely Camp

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#### WHEN THERE IS A SHADOW

when there is a shadow  
there must be light  
the sun at daytime  
and the stars at night  
and they all live together  
in me, uh-huh-huh

-- by Brook and Yoeke, Lorely Cam

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FROM THE EARTH AND BACK AGAIN

From the Earth and back again  
Hold to life and live again  
Sit with death and be again  
From the Earth and back again  
From the Earth and back again  
-- by Maxina Ventura

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LIGHT IS RETURNING

Light is returning  
even though this is the darkest hour  
no one can hold  
back the dawn

Let's keep it burning  
let's keep the light of hope alive  
make safe our journey  
through the storm

One planet is turning  
tracing a path around the sun  
earth mother is calling  
Her children home  
-- By Charlie Murphy, from the 1970s album, "Canticles of Light"

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LADY SPIN YOUR CIRCLE BRIGHT

Lady spin your circle bright  
Weave a web of dark and light  
Earth, Air, Fire and Water  
Bind us as one

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PEOPLE OF THE EARTH TRIBE

People of the Earth Tribe rise,  
People of the Earth Tribe rise, unite and  
People of the Earth Tribe rise

Earth, Water, Fire, Air - we are everywhere (2x)

-- by Joules Graves

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I AM OF THE MINERALS

I Am of the Minerals

I Am of the Plants

I Am of the Animals

I Am of the Dance

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I THANK THE EARTH

I thank the Earth for feeding my body

I thank the sun for warming my bones

I thank the trees for the air I breath, And

I thank the water for nourishing my soul

-- by Ina Hata

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\*\*\* SWEET WATER

We are sweet water, and we are the seed

We are the storm clouds that blow away greed

We are the new world that springs to birth

A river arising to reclaim the Earth

-- by Starhawk

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KEEP BREATHING

Keep breathing, it's the most important part

You kick kick kick and then you glide

You kick kick kick and then you glide

It's all in the rhythm, it's all in the rhythm

It's all in the rhythm of the heart

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BELOVED (I WOULD KNOW MYSELF IN ALL MY PARTS)

I would know myself in all my parts, beloved

I would know myself in all my parts, beloved

(High) I would know you, I would know

(Low) Come abide with me, healing and whole

-- by Seed (Calla Unsworth)

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\*\*\*THE WELCOME FLAME (SPARK, BLAZE, EMBER, ASH)

Let the fire rise in me, and let it move me

Spark, Blaze, Ember, Ash

Whoa, Whoa, the welcome flame

Spark, Blaze, Ember, Ash

-- by Seed (Calla Unsworth)

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STEP INTO THE FLOW

Step into the flow and then I let it go

I open my mind, my heart, and my soul

I surrender, I surrender

I surrender, I open my mind, my heart, and my soul

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CIRCLE TURNING, CAULDRON BURNING

Circle turning, cauldron burning

Let us be reborn

Sacred center, spirit enter

Life goes on and on

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IF I TOUCH YOU

If I touch you I will know you

Though your veil be drawn, you're glowing

In my mind and soul and body

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LIKE THE MOON

Like the moon reflects the sun

You and I reflect each one

There are forces we cannot see

They're inside us, they invite us to be free

-- Jeffrey Alphonsus Mooney

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WATER WATER WATER

Water water water

Powers of the west

Changing moving

Waters flowing free  
Bienvendio Agua  
Poderes del Oeste  
changing moving  
waters flowing free  
Water water water  
The river of the long Human beings  
changing moving  
waters flowing free  
Bienvendino del Oeste  
Aguas del mundo  
Welcome water  
Waters of the world  
-- By Georgia Midnight Crow, Spiralheart Witchcamp 2006

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WYRD SISTERS

Three from the hall beneath the tree  
Is, Was, and Shall Be  
Come Wyrd Sisters, Swoop to the ground  
Loosen the web that binds us down  
-- Beverly and Witchcampers

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WEIRD SISTERS

Urd, weird sister, time is thee,  
Is, was, and what shall be.  
Skuld is moving us along,  
Like a clockwork stern and strong.  
Verdandi is what there is  
What you see and what you miss.  
Come and weave your golden webs  
From spaceless beads and timeless threads.  
-- By Sabine Inanna Farrier, July 2008

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\*\*\*WEAVE & SPIN

Weave and spin, weave and spin  
This is how the work begins

Mend and heal, mend and heal  
Take the dream and make it real  
On the same wheel we spin  
Into life and out again  
One is many, many one  
Brewing in Her cauldron

Strand by strand, hand over hand  
Thread by thread, we weave our web  
-- by Starhawk

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**\*\*\*BODY OF THE EARTH**

We are of the body of the Earth  
The Earth is of the body of the stars  
We are stars that circle from life to death to birth  
We are stars that circle from life to death to birth

Strand by strand, hand over hand  
Thread by thread, we weave our web  
-- by Starhawk

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**\*\*\*CYCLES OF THE MOON**

Cycles of the moon, the stars, the Earth  
Ecrets of the path from death to birth  
Keeper of the flame, the source, the night  
Presenc eof the deep, the dark, the night  
Stay with me a while  
Spirits of the Nile

-- by George Franklin

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**\*\*\*WAKE AGAIN**

Wake again, wake again  
Wake again, life is calling to you

-- by Maxina Ventura

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\*\*\*CIRCLE ROUND THE BALEFIRE

Circle round the balefire, friends

Circle round, it never ends

All is holy, prayer is song

Spirit rising, you belong

-- by Laurie Lovekraft

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\*\*\*THE WHEEL OF THE YEAR

The wheel of the year goes round and round

Round and round, round and round

The wheel of the year goes round and round

All through time.

Brigid is the time of the cauldron fire...

Spring Equinox means colored eggs...

Beltane is the time of the Maypole dance...

Summer Soletice is the longest day...

Lammas is the time we bake our bread...

Fall Equinox means harvest time...

Samhain is the time we spiral dance...

Winter Solstice is the longest night...

-- by Teen Earth Magic

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Our hands will work to heal the land

Gather round the harvest table

Let us feast and bless the land

-- by T. Thorn Coyle

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We are the hope that will not hide

We are the turnign of the tide

-- by Starhawk

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\*\*\*RISING OF THE MOON

We are the rising of the moon  
We are the shifting of the ground  
We are the seed that takes root  
When we bring the fortress down  
-- by Starhawk

KEEP RISING, FLYING HIGHER

We dare to name desire  
Dance closer to the fire  
Leave fear upon the pyre  
Keep rising, flying higher!  
-- by Amy Clark & Witchcampers

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