

# Whispering Lake Grove ADF



## Isaura's DP Oath Rite

May 20, 2007

### **PREPARATION**

#### **GROVE ATTUNEMENT (Grollwynn)**

Closing your eyes, take a few, deep, cleansing breaths, breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth, *(pause)* in through your nose and out through your mouth. As your breathing opens and expands your lungs, let it open and expand your spirit as well. *(pause)*

Before you, a tall, fertile mountain rises high into the clouds. At its base, you see an opening, wide and welcoming, drawing you into a large cavern, delving deep into the earth. As you enter the cavern, traveling down a rocky, yet foot-worn, path, you begin to hear a soft trickling sound echo in your ears. *(pause)*

As you walk deeper into the reflectively lit cavern, this sound becomes a steady whisper, *(pause)* then a fast chorus of moving water, *(pause)* and finally growing into an energetic rush. As it steadily grows louder and faster, feel the rising power of a primal, ancient energy drawing near. *(pause)*

Reaching a bubbling underground spring, you step into the cool, rushing waters, just enough for it to cover your feet. Allowing the waters to absorb into your skin, you feel the energy of the earth surge upwards through you. *(pause 8 count)*

Filled with the earth's swirling energy, you see another worn path to your right inside the mountain, winding upward in a spiral, lined with gradually brighter torches with increasingly stronger flames, leading the way to an opening at the top of the mountain. Traveling this path, you see the sky above drawing nearer and nearer, you feel an ever, increasing warmth and rise in the primal sky energy. Still walking with your face turned upward, feel this rising energy start to fill and warm you, the sky's power coursing down from your head and throughout your body. *(pause 8 count)*

As you reach the summit, feel the energies of the sky merging with that of the waters, order and chaos blending and balancing within you, giving you strength and vitality (*pause 8 count*)

Opening our eyes, let us know that, together, we also balance and strengthen each other, as we focus as one on our worship.

#### Honoring Our Grove Patron (Isaura)

Manannan Mac Lir, Patron of our Grove  
You ride the waves with ease and might.  
The mists part before your touch  
And safe are those under your care.

May the honor you have given us  
Be given to you in return.  
May the path we walk stay true  
And the link between us remain unbroken.

May the lakes and streams around us  
Always remind us of your presence here.  
May you always be welcome,  
Always honored and always in our hearts.

#### *An offering of Irish Whiskey is made to Manannan.*

Manannan Mac Lir, accept our offering!  
All: Manannan, be welcome among us!

#### PROCESSION

##### *In Song (Words and Music by Emerald) (Carrion)*

*The Waters flow around us  
The Fires burn within us  
Standing tall we gather at the center of the world.  
Upon the Earth our mother  
We worship here together  
All as one we gather at the center of the world.*

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> PHASE

### STARTING THE RITE & ESTABLISHING THE GROUP MIND CLEAR-CUT BEGINNING

#### OPENING PRAYERS

Musical Signal- *Pan pipes sound 3X3. (Carrion)*

#### Clear-cut Beginning (Eld Naðr)

The days grow longer; the sun's power strengthens, as the green world blooms abundant with life. We gather today in this sacred place upon the Earth and beneath the Sky; cradled by the waters that surround us to celebrate the accomplishments of one among us.

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#### Honoring the Earth Mother and Sky Father

##### Earth Mother (Carrion)

Beautiful Goddess of the bountiful Earth  
We call to you this day!  
Mighty Queen of Olympus  
You create the chaotic potential on which we thrive  
Great Mother of the powerful waters  
May your strength always build new life.  
Hera, Earth Mother, Khaire!

##### Sky Father (Raven)

Great Father of the vast sky  
We call to you this day!  
Mighty Ruler of Olympus  
You create the order on which we thrive  
Powerful God of the Thinking Fire  
Your light sparks creation in all it touches.  
Zeus, Sky Father, Khaire!

**(Raven) & (Carrion)**

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!

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*An offering of white bread and olive oil is made to the Earth  
Mother and Sky Father.*

Earth Mother and Sky Father, accept our offering!

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

Invocation for Bardic Inspiration

**Bardic Inspiration (Grollwynn)**

Great God of Inspiration  
We call to you this day!  
Youthful Master of the Singing Lyre  
May our words flow like the sweetest honey  
May our songs fill the air like a nightingale's voice  
May you share with us the gift of the Muses!

*An offering of milk & honey is made for Apollo.*

Apollo, Patron of Bards, accept our offering!

Apollo, Khaire!

All: Apollo, Hail and Welcome!

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (Raven)**

Today we gather between the Earth and Sky.  
To honor the accomplishments of one among us.  
We gather at the crossroads surrounded by the land, sea and sky,  
To bear witness to an oath that is not sworn lightly.

This day we shall worship and honor the Kindred as one people  
And seek their blessings upon this Dedicant in return.  
As one journey comes to an end and another begins,  
May all who gathered be welcome among us!

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**CONSECRATION OF SPACE & PARTICIPANTS**

*Outdwellers (at the Southern fire the Sacrificer lays a token for  
the Outdwellers) (Eld Naðr)*

Beings of chaos and discord!

Holds, whose minds know not rest and whose spirits know not  
peace.

To all those whose screams and cries, harmonize not with our  
songs and praise.

Know that this time and place we claim as ours!

You may have held it in the past, you may hold it in the future,  
but for now,

Let it be known that it is OURS!

We have given to you all that we intend to give.

May order reign and chaos trouble not our gathering!

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**Purification of Participants & Space (Raven)**

*The aspersing bowl is filled from the Well and the censor is  
kindled from the Fire by SidheWolf and Chris G. Ritual  
participants are cleansed with water from the well and purified  
with smoke from the censor. After the participants are cleansed  
and purified the Nemeton is cleansed and purified as the  
following power building chant is led.*

*With the powers to create and destroy.*

*And the strength to cleanse and purify.*

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

Through the union of fire and water,

Our Nemeton is made whole and holy!

Once more we have met the threat of chaos with order and laid claim to this place. We have made sacred this space and time that we may worship and honor the Kindred as one people.

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**2<sup>ND</sup> PHASE**

**RECREATING THE COSMOS & PRELIMINARY POWER**

**RAISING**

**THE SACRED CENTER**

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**Affirmation of Unity (Grollwynn)**

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***

**Establishing Sacred Time (Carrion)**

In the beginning there was but a yawning void and within it swirled the chaos of potential.

As it swirled this wild power began to organize and with it order was created.

Through the union of chaos and order came the source of all creation, the cosmic egg. And from this egg came the worlds, the realms and the Kindred. Nine holy things which would create all others.

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**Fire, Well & Tree (chant) (Grollwynn)**

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Gate to the Shining Ones*

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Our passage to the Sky*

*Fire, bright Fire*

*Warmth of our Community*

*Spark of Life*

*We honor you now*

***Incense is offered to the fire.***

*Well, deep Well*

*Gate to the Underworld*

*Well, deep Well*

*Our passage to the Sea*

*Well, deep Well*

*Wisdom of the Ancestors*

*Waters of Life*

*We honor you now*

***Silver is offered into the well.***

*Tree, great Tree*

*Gate that reaches everywhere*

*Tree, great Tree*

*With you we share the Land*

*Tree, great Tree*

*Our passage to the Otherworld*

*Source of Life*

*We honor you now.*

***The bile is asperged with water from the well and censed with incense.***

*Words & music by Pandora*

## COMPLETING THE COSMOLOGY

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

The waters support and surround us.

The land extends about us.

The sky stretches above us.

And at the center burns a living flame.

Let us pray with a good fire.

May all the Kindred bless us.

May our worship be true.

May our actions be just.

May our love be pure.

Blessings and honor and worship to the holy ones.

*Land, Sea & Sky Text by Ceisiwr Serith*

## OPENING THE GATES

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### **(Carrion)**

Born at the Dawning; Between night and day

Guardian of the Boundaries; We call you forth this day!

Summoner of the Souls and Messenger of the Gods.

Aid us as the worlds converge and call our Kindred near.

*An offering of Wine is made to Hermes.*

Hermes, Opener of the Way, accept our offering!

Hermes, Khaire!

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

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**(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)**

Hermes, merge now your magic 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)(Carrion)(Eld Naðr)**

Let the Gates Be Open!

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### 3<sup>RD</sup> PHASE

## MAJOR SENDING OF POWER TO DEITIES OF THE OCCASION

## HONORING THE DEITIES OF THE RITE

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**(Eld Naðr)** Now that the world of the living and that of the spirit are one, we call out from the crossroads to the Mighty Kindred. Allies of the Middle Realm! © 2005 *Raven & Carrion Mann*

**Noble Spirits (Grollwynn)**

Fellow Beings of the Middle Realm

We call to you this day!

Protectors of nature's bounty

Nymphs, Panes and Satyrs

Beloved Spirits of waters, trees and land.

Nature Spirits, Khaire!

**(Carrion)** Let us raise our voices in song to the Noble Ones.

*Fur and feather and scale and skin.*

*Different without but the same within.*

*Many of body but one of soul*

*Through all creatures are we (the gods 2<sup>nd</sup> time) made whole.*

**Repeat 3X's**

**(Words and music by Sable)**

**An offering of fruit is made. (Eld Naðr)**

Noble Spirits, accept our offering!

**All:** Noble Spirits, Hail and Welcome!

**Mighty Dead (Eld Naðr)**

Great Beings of the Chthonic Realm

We call to you this day!

Ancestors of our bloodlines

Honored Dead of our past

And legendary heroes of Hellenic myth

Mighty Ones, Khaire!

**(Carrion)** Let us raise our voices in song to the Mighty Dead.

**In song**

*From far beyond this mortal plan*

*Mothers and Fathers of old*

*We pray that you return again*

*Mothers and Fathers of old*

*To share with us the mysteries*

*And secrets long untold*

*Of the ancient ways we seek to reclaim*

*Mothers and Fathers of old.*

**Repeat 3X's**

**(Words and music by Sable)**

**Bread and Wine is offered. (Eld Naðr)**

Mighty Ones, accept our offering!

**All:** Mighty Ones, Hail and Welcome!

**Shining Ones (Isaura)**

Mighty Gods of the Mountain,

Awe-inspiring to the spirits of man

Great Protectors of favored heroes

And powerful Beings of magic

Shining Ones, Khaire!

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

*Hail all the Gods,*

*Hail all the Goddesses,*

*Hail all the Holy Ones,*

*We dwell together.*

*Lords of the sky,*

*Ladies of the sacred earth,*

*Spirits and the ancestors,*

*We dwell together.*

*Hail all the Gods, Hail all the Goddesses, Hail All the Gods and Goddesses.*

**Repeat chant 3x**

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**An offering of olive oil is made (Eld Naðr)**

Shining Ones, accept our offering!

**All:** Shining Ones, Hail & Welcome!

## PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS

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**(Carrion)** At this time one among us shall honor those closest to her among the Kindred. *(Isaura will be given an opportunity to offer praise to any among the IE Kindred he chooses)*

## THE OATH

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### *Raven's Words of Wisdom*

#### *Isaura's Dedicant Oath (The Road of No Return:)*

As I started to write my oath, I thought of how the fact that I am now ready to make my oath is such a huge step for me. Besides to my husband, I have made no other oaths. Up to even a year ago, I was not ready to make that important step forward. Making an oath requires that I am fully prepared and able to follow through with my intentions and promises.

I cannot point to a specific moment when it changed from being a path I was interested in, to one that I was ready to stride confidently down. It gradually grew in me that I am sure that this is the path for me. It is not that previous path that was mapped out and set, that once inspired apathy and confusion in me. It is one of discovery, and diligent search and learning, that energizes my spirit and gives me hope for my future and that of my children. It reminds me that we don't necessarily walk alone: my patron Athena, with her subtle and not-so-subtle pushes and teachings; this Grove with whom I share a supportive bond; and my husband, who, while not on my exact path, nonetheless has been very open to where I need to go with my spiritual journey.

As I, Isaura, stand here today, may all hear that the words of this oath reflect my devotion. I will follow the path of Druidry always keeping the Kindred in my heart, mind and spirit. I will stay open to the teachings they may wish to impart. In this, may I have the wisdom to make good choices.

May I embrace piety as part of my life. May I have the vision to

grow well into the future. May I show courage and integrity in perseverance towards my life and spiritual health. May I always remember the hospitality that creates bonds. May I always keep in mind the balance needed by moderation. And through fertility of the mind, body, and spirit; may I always grow and give from this life to the next.

I will keep the faith til the sky falls upon me and crushes me, until the earth opens and swallows me, until the seas arise and overwhelm me. This all I oath.

## PRAYER OF SACRIFICE

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### **(Raven)**

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;  
We honor the Kindred, as they walk among us.  
Through communication with the Otherworld;  
We receive their guidance, inspiration and insight.  
Tonight we call out from the crossroads to our guests!  
As we prepare to make our final sacrifice.

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

### **(Eld Naðr)**

It is in love, honor and respect that we have offered hospitality to our guests this night.

We have sung their praise; made our sacrifice.

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

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

Eldest and Brightest, we honor you.

***The final sacrifice is made by the Dedicant.***

Kindred, accept our sacrifice!

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

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**Piacular Offering (Carrion)**

Mighty Kindred of the Greek Pantheon  
We are honored to call you near this day.  
Long has one among us awaited this moment.  
Long has she awaited hearing your names upon the wind  
This day she waits no more  
To any we may have forgotten or offended in our work this  
day.

*An offering of olive oil is made. (Eld Naðr)*

**Accept our offering!**

**Khaire!**

All: **Hail and Welcome!**

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**THE OMEN**

**(Isaura)(Raven)(Eld Naðr)**

*The Omen is taken by drawing three Greek Alphabet. Isaura will draw 3 letters and the seer will then interpret the omen asking if our sacrifice and offerings have been accepted. The Seer then leads the company to contemplate the blessings/warnings of the omen from the Kindred. While the omen is being taken Carrion will lead all present in the following chant.*

**(Carrion)**

Let us raise our voices in song as the Kindred reveal there will.

**In song**

*Come druid all, ovates and seers  
And let your minds be still  
Earth, sea and sky will lend no fears  
As the gods reveal their will.  
Let every heart sing praise to them  
And all our works be skilled  
Claiming their blessings to the very end.  
As the gods reveal their will.*

*(Words by Sean Miller)*

**4<sup>TH</sup> PHASE**

**RECEIVING AND USING THE RETURN POWER**

**CALLING FOR THE BLESSING (Raven)(Carrion)**

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

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

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

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

**(Raven)** Mighty Kindred, your blessings upon us!

All: Kindred, your blessings upon us!

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

**(Raven)** Once again, Mighty Kindred, your blessings upon us!

All: Kindred, your blessings upon us!

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

**(Raven)** One last time, Mighty Kindred, your blessings upon us!

All: Kindred, your blessings upon us!

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

**HALLOWING OF THE WATERS**

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

**(Raven)** Mighty Kindred, hear and bless us.

**(Carrion)** Noble Ones, hallow these waters of life.

**(Raven)** Mighty Ones, hallow these waters of life.

**(Carrion)** Shining Ones, hallow these Waters of Life.

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

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

All: Behold the Waters of Life!

## AFFIRMATION OF THE BLESSINGS

**(Eld Naðr)** Now Good folk, do you wish to receive the blessings of our honored guests? \_\_\_\_\_. Then we shall drink deep the blessings of the Kindred!

*The Waters are passed (Eld Na(d)r. & Moondragon) and all participants share the waters. As the waters are passed the following song is sung by all participants.*

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

*The Waters are passed (Chris G. & Sidhe Wolf) and all participants share the waters. As the waters are passed the following song is sung by all participants.*

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

**In song**

*Power of the Spirit*

*.....Flowing in me (echo)*

*Power of the Spirit*

*.....Growing in me(echo)*

*Power of the Spirit*

*.....Shining through me(echo)*

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> PHASE

### UNWINDING AND ENDING THE CEREMONY

## THANKING THE BEINGS

**(Eld Naðr)** Mighty Kindred of all the Realms. Natural, Chthonic, and Olympic Beings who enhance our lives. May we continue to be blessed by your favor. Kindred we thank you for all your gifts.

**(Final Token)** Khairere , Kindred! Our honor and love go with you!

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

**(Grollwynn)** Apollo, Great God of the Muses, we thank you for the blessings of inspiration and flowing expression you have shared with us. **(Final Token)** Khair Apollo! Our honor and love go with you!

## CLOSING THE GATES

**(Carrion)** Hermes, Opener of the Gates, we thank you for your protection and guidance as we reached out through the Realms this day. **(Final token)** Khair, Hermes! Our honor and love go with you!

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

**(Carrion)** Hermes, Great Guardian of Boundaries, we now ask that you close the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more.

**(Raven)**

Let the fire burning towards the heavens once more become but flames.

**(Carrion)**

Let the well whose depths reach the Underworld once more become but water.

**(Eld Naðr)**

Let the tree, pathway between Earth & Sky, become but wood.  
By the land before us!

**(Carrion)**

By the seas about us!

**(Raven)**

By the sky above us!

**(Raven)(Carrion)(Eld Naðr)**

Let the Gates be closed!

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## **THANKING THE EARTH MOTHER AND SKY FATHER**

**(Raven)** Powerful God of the vast Sky, may you continue to provide the order and spark within us. Mighty Ruler of Olympus, we thank you for your strength and wisdom. **(Final Token)** Khaire, Zeus! Our honor and love go with you!

**All:** Sky Father, we thank you!

**(Carrion)** Hera, beautiful Goddess of the Earth, may you continue to create and sustain the potential within us. Mighty Queen of Olympus, we thank you for all life. **(Final token)** Khaire, Hera! Our honor and love go with you!

**All:** Earth Mother, we thank you!

**(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.* © 2005 Raven & Carrion Mann

## **STATEMENT OF ENDING**

**(Grollwynn)** Let us once more close our eyes, breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth. **(pause 2 count)**

As the mountain rises and towers above the clouds, so we too have risen on the blessings of the Kindred. Let us not forget all they have shared with us.

Standing on the mountaintop, feel the the Sky's power from above continue to course through you, its radiant light still warming your spirit. **(pause 4 count)**

Remembering the bubbling spring flowing in the cavern far beneath you, feel the Earth's primal power continue to course through you, its cool depths continuing to fill you with vitality. **(pause 4 count)**

Feel the ancient energy of Earth and Sky continue to swirl together within you, know that they balance you with warmth and vitality **(pause 4 count)**

As the Primal Powers have shared their energy with you, let us together now draw from our own revitalized energies, sending and sharing them with the land and waters that surround us here, that we may show our appreciation and help sustain her. **(pause 4 count)**

You now turn toward the spiraled path to leave the mountain, and starting to walk back down. You see the other path that leads to the outside opening of the cavern begin to draw gradually nearer. **(pause 2 count)** Emerging from the entrance to the world around us, we return to where we began. **(pause 2 count)**

As we open our eyes, we may have left the mountain's radiant heights and cool depths, but let its might remain in our hearts as we conclude our worship.

**(Carrion)** Musical Signal- *Pan pipes sound 3 X 3*

**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.

## **Recessional Song**

**(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 Isaura; music by Raven of the Sorrows)*

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***Stone Creed Grove, ADF for the chants  
Power of the Spirit***

***Liafal for the chant  
The Gatekeeper***

***Paul Maurice. Sean Miller and Gail Williams for the chant  
Hail All the Gods***

***Sable for the Chant  
Mothers and Fathers of Old  
Fur, Feather, Scale and Skin***

***Sean Miller for the chant  
Come Druids All***

***Pandora for the chant  
The Verticle Axis Chant***

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

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