

Beltane Ritual
May 1st, 2015

Intention

Connect with other world wide groups, deep ecology, love for our planet as we honor the wheel.

Gathering smudge or bless each . Purify before entering, welcome drumming, musical instruments (need an energy person here to lead music) Reading of intention; let the trees be consulted/ john wright explanation of ritual, what we are going to do

Cast circle and call quarters

Gatekeepers cast circle with staves.

Totemic elements to speak for the earth.

East; owl speaks; deep peace for air, which is our breath, may we honor inspirations that are given.

South; drake/serpent speaks; deep peace for fire, may we honor transformation.

West; salmon speaks; deep peace for inner and outer cleansing.

North: stag speaks.

Center blessings for the trees

*“A nine-fold blessing of the sacred grove:
Now be upon all forests of Earth:
For willow of the streams,
Hazel of the rocks,
Alder of the marshes,
Birch of the waterfalls,
Ash of the shade,
Yew of resilience,
Elm of the brae,
Oak of the sun,
And all trees that grow and live and breathe
On hill and brake and glen:
No axe, no saw, no fire shall harm you,
No mind of ownership shall seize you,
No hand of greed or profit claim you,
But grace of the stepping deer among you,
Strength of the running boar beneath you,
Power of the gliding hawk above you.*

*Deep peace of the running stream through your roots,
Deep peace of the flowering air through your boughs,
Deep peace of the shining stars on your leaves.
That the harp of the woods be heard once more
Throughout the green and living Earth.
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*“Let the trees be consulted before you take any action
every time you breathe in thank a tree
let tree roots crack parking lots at the world bank headquarters
let loggers be druids specially trained and rewarded
to sacrifice trees at auspicious times
let carpenters be master artisans
let lumber be treasured like gold
let chain saws be played like saxophones
let soldiers on maneuvers plant trees give police and criminals a shovel
and a thousand seedlings
let businessmen carry pocketfuls of acorns
let newlyweds honeymoon in the woods
walk don't drive
stop reading newspapers
stop writing poetry
squat under a tree and tell stories.”*

The Lord and Lady are crowned by a headpiece of antlers and a garland of flowers, respectively.

The Lord lights the fire, amidst drumming and chanting:

*“Spirits of fire come to us,
We will kindle the fire.
Spirits of fire come to us,
We will kindle the fire.
We will kindle the fire
Dance the magick circle ‘round
We will kindle the fire
We will kindle the fire.”*

Guided Meditation:

Heartbeat drum throughout

Chant:

(Repeat 3 times)

“Listen to the cries of the waters
Listen to the sigh running through the air
Rooted in the earth, sons and daughters
Fire is rising as we prepare to...”

Spoken:

People! Long before your birth,
alluring was the beauty of Mother Earth.
She bore living things of all kinds...plants and insects, animals and birds.
All, an exotic reflection of her biodiversity,
A diversity you have chosen to destroy!
Why...People...Why?

(Repeat chant)

People! Onto the face of the earth you strolled in,
bringing up the rear in all her children.
You were meant to be the pride of all creation,
but you chose to be the bane of life by bringing destruction.
Why...People...why?

(Repeat chant)

People! To all life, Mother Earth has been so kind!
Like the mother hen she nurtured her little chicks with affection,
as she toiled to provide food season after season with dedication.
Even to you People, she gave the best in proportion
Only to be sentenced by your actions in damnation!
Why...People...Why?

(Repeat chant)

People! You have an insatiable desire to acquire.
You plunder the earth with impunity,
Oil, coal and iron you chase in disunity,
fighting even your own kind for control and quantity
just to live a life of environmental insanity!
Why...People...why?

(Repeat chant)

People! Perhaps you have forgotten so soon!
The La Niña drought of 2000, the heat wave in Europe in 2003,
the tragedy of the cyclone in Myanmar in 2008, the constant melting of polar ice caps,

all a consequence of your actions and inactions!
You leave the problems for tomorrow's generation
running away for your present tribulation.
Why...People...Why?

(Repeat chant)

People! When will you repent of your harmful ways?
When will you stop biting the hands that have fed you?
When will you love mother earth like she loves you...?
And stop writing her dirge with your actions?
Mother earth looks upon you with her painful eyes
Sobbing and asking you why...
Why...People...why?

(Holds up picture of Earth taken from space, for all the circle to see.)

Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar," every "supreme leader," every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there-on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

This is our one and only home. And so, let's...

(Repeat 3 times)

"Listen to the cries of the waters
Listen to the sigh running through the air
Rooted in the earth, sons and daughters
Fire is rising as we prepare to..."

(Repeat until energy peaks)

"Listen to, listen to our Mother Earth
Listen to the one who gave us birth
Listen to the one of greatest worth
Listen to the call to protect our Earth!"

Earth warriors, awaken!

Energy time around fire leading to maypole dance.

Maypole working; Lord and Lady to tie it up to finish.

Spiral out to the gatekeeper holding staffs. People go under staffs to be born as earth warriors.

Open circle. Feasting and sharing to follow.