# Columbia Grove Bardic Song Book



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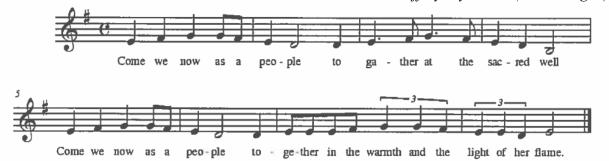
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# 1.Processional

# Come We Now as a People

Words and Music: Rev. Jeffrey Wyndham (Ian Corrigan)



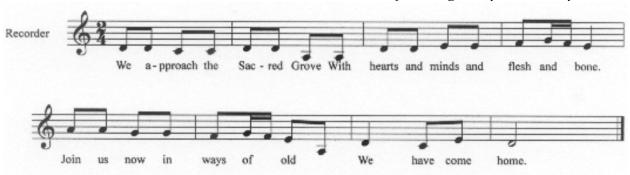
Come we now as a people To gather at the sacred well.

Come we now as a people

Together in the warmth and the light of the flame.

## **Sacred Grove**

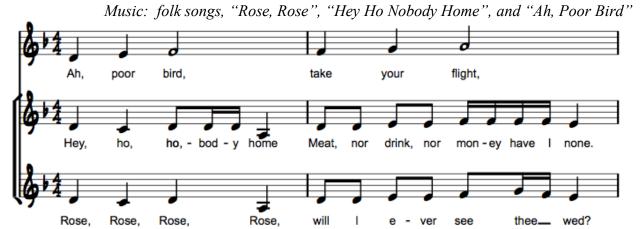
Words: Sean Miller Music: folk song, "Hey Ho Nobody Home"

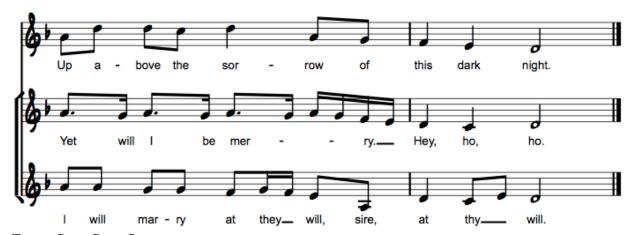


We approach the Sacred Grove With hearts and minds and flesh and bone. Join us now in ways of old. We have come home.

#### Sacred Grove, Round

Words: Sean Miller





Tune: Rose Rose Rose

1. We approach the sacred grove with hearts and minds and flesh and bone Join us now in ways of old We have come home.

Tune: Hey, Ho
2. Fire and well and Sacred Tree
We honor all the Kindreds three
Recreate the Sacred Center
As we Join as One.

Tune Ah Poor Bird
3. Shining Ones
Noble Guides
Ancient Wise
Join our harmony.

# By The Land Beneath Us

Words and Music: Bardd Dafydd



By the Land beneath us, By the sea surrounding us, By the sky above us, We come unto the Gods.

# 2. Cleansing

# **Born of Water**

Words and Music: Lindie Lila



Born of water, Cleansing, powerful, Healing, changing, I am!

# 3. Goddess Song

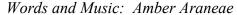
# **Columbia is Flowing**

Words and Music: Adaptation from "The River is Flowing" by Lindie Lila Em Am Α Em Am Em Col --um--bi--a is flow-- ing, flow--ing and grow-- ing. Col--um-bi-a is flow - ing Bm Em Bm Em Α Em Bm Em down to the sea. Moth--er car--ry me. Your child I will al--ways be. Moth-er car-ry me Bm Em down to the sea.

Columbia is flowing, Flowing and growing. Columbia is flowing Down to the sea.

Mother carry me.
Your child I will always be.
Mother carry me
Down to the sea.

# **Columbia Song**





1.You are our River,Our River, our River,You are our River,We stand beside you now.

2.
You are our Mother,
Our Mother, our Mother,
You are our Mother,
We embrace you now.
We offer to you now.

You are Columbia, Columbia, Columbia, You are Columbia, We Honor you now.

4.
You are our River,
Our Mother, our Goddess,
You are Columbia,
We offer to you now.
We offer to you now

# 4. Establishing the Portals

# Blessing, Honor and Worship to the Holy Ones

Words and Music: Ceisiwr Serith



The waters support and surround us

The land extends about us

The sky stretches out above us:

At the center burns a living flame.

May all the Kindreds bless us.

Call: May our worship be true.

Response: May our worship be true.

Call: May our actions be just.

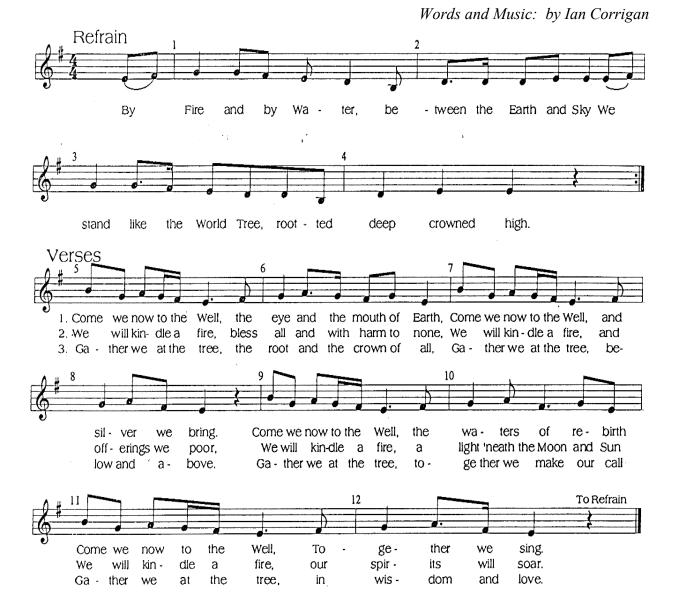
Response: May our actions be just.

Call: May our love be pure.

Response: May our love be pure.

Blessings, and honor, and worship to the holy ones.

## **Portal Song**



#### Chorus:

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 & 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 & love.

Chorus

# 5. Ancestors

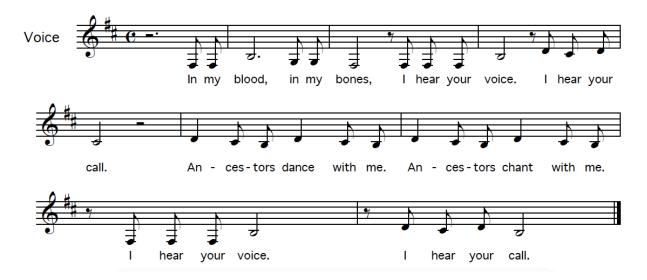
#### **Mothers and Fathers of Old**



From far beyond this mortal plane,
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.

#### **Ancestors**

Words and Music: Lindie Lila



In my blood In my bones. I hear your voice. I hear your call.

Ancestors dance with me. Ancestors chant with me. I hear your voice. I hear your call.

# **Beyond the Gates**

Words and Music: Sharon Knight and T. Thorn Coyle

Beyond the gates I see my father. Beyond the gates I see my mother. There I see the line of my people, Going back to the dawn of time.

Beyond the gates I see my sister. Beyond the gates I see my brother. There I see my beloved kin, Going back to the dawn of time.

I will take my place among them.
I will drink of life everlasting.
I will live in the halls of the mighty,
Until the end of time.

Note: The lyrics are adapted from the words spoken by a slave woman who volunteered to be cremated with her master, a Rus Viking chieftain, to attend him in the afterlife. This event was observed and recorded by Ibn Fadlan in the 900s CE.

# **6.Nature Spirits**

#### **Fur and Feather**

Words: Adaptation by Sable of Anne Hill from Nature Spirits Call by Nora Ford Music: 'Nature Spirits Call' from "Circle Round and Sing" by Anne Hill, 2000

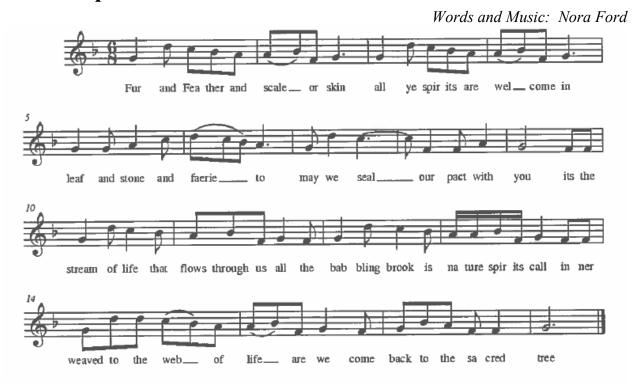






Fur and feather and scale and skin,
Different without but the same within,
Many of body but one of soul,
Through all creatures are we made whole.

# **Nature Spirits Call**



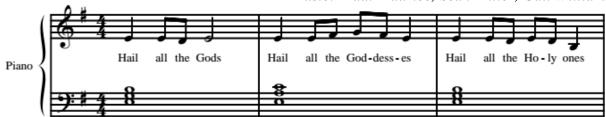
Fur and feather and scale and skin, All you Spirits are welcome in; Leaf and stone and Faery, too May we seal our pact with You!

It's the stream of life that flows through us all The babbling brook is Nature Spirits' call Interweaved to the web of Life are we, Come back to the Sacred Tree!

# 7. Shining Ones

## Hail All the Gods

Words: First verse, Trad.; Second verse, Richard MacKelley; Bridge, Gwynne Green Music: Paul Maurice, Sean Miller, Gail Williams







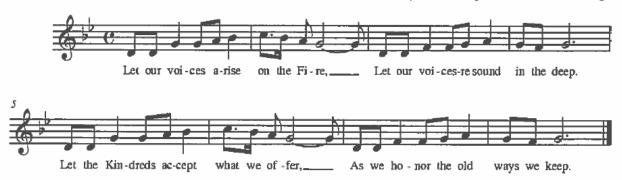


Hail all the Gods, Hail all the Goddesses, Hail all the Holy Ones, We dwell together. Powers of the sky, Powers of sacred earth. Powers of the underworld, We dwell together. Hail all the Gods!
Hail all the Goddesses!
Hail all the Gods and
Goddesses!

# 8.Offerings

# **Sacrifice Song**

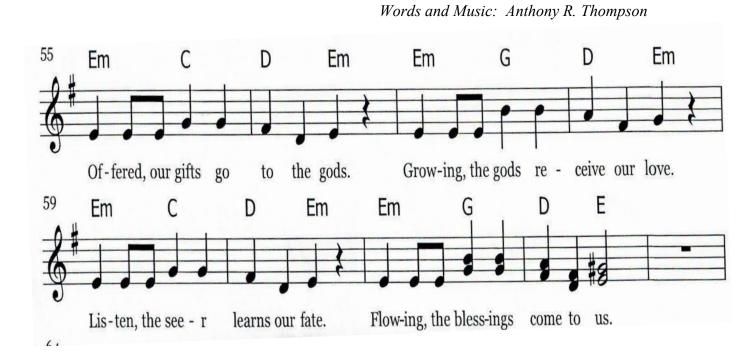
Words and Music: Anthony R. Thompson and Ian Corrigan



Let our voices arise on the Fire Let our voices resound in the Deep May the spirits accept what we offer, As we honor the old ways we keep.

# 9.Omens

## Our Gifts Go to the Gods



Offered, our gifts go to the gods, Growing, the gods receive our love, Listen, the seer learns our fate, Flowing, the blessings come to us.

# 10. Blessings

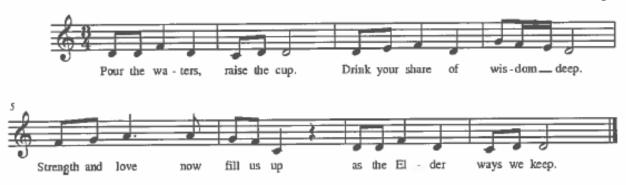
# Pour the Waters, Bright Version



Pour the water, raise the cup, Drink your share of wisdom deep, Strength and joy now fill us up, as the elder ways we keep.

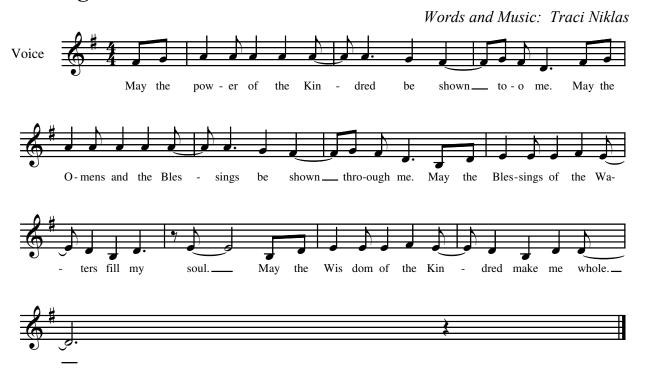
# Pour the Waters, Dark Version

Words and Music: Ian Corrigan



Pour the water, raise the cup, Drink your share of wisdom deep, Strength and joy now fill us up, as the elder ways we keep.

# Blessings in the Waters



May the Power of the Kindred be shown to me.

May the Omens and the Blessings be shown through me.

May the Blessings of the Waters fill my soul.

May the Wisdom of the Kindred make me whole.

# 11. Recessional

#### Walk with Wisdom

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gain.

Walk with wisdom from this hallowed place.
Walk not in sorrow, our roots shall ere embrace.
May strength be your brother, and honor be your friend,
And luck be your lover until we meet again.

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# We are the Flow

Words and Music: Lindie Lila

We are the flow We are the ebb We are the weavers We are the web.

# 12. Other

## A Hymn to Brigid

Words: Isaac Bonewits and Sheanin Bell, 1983 Music: Roving Galway Boy/Spancil Hill (Irish Traditional)

Verse:

A Bhrid, ár gcroí, an-gheal Bheanríon; lo de thoil é beannachta sinn. Is sinn bhur leanaí, is tu ár mamaí; bí ag isteacht dúinn mar sin. Is tu an coire, anois inár doire; a Bhean-Feasa tinfim orainn. A thine ghrá, a thine bheatha; lo de thoil é ag teacht Bhrid dúinn!

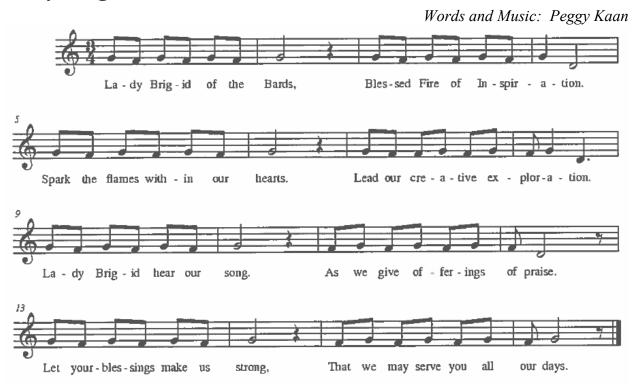
O Bridget, our heart, o brightest Queen; cast your blessings unto us. We are your children, you are our mother; so hearken unto us. You are the cauldron, now in our grove; Wise Woman inspire us. O fire of love, o fire of life; please Bridget, come to us!

Repeat 1st Verse

#### **Pronunciation guide**

Ah Vreed ar gree,
on-yall Vahn-reen;
low de hoil eh ban-ach-ta sheen.
Iss sheen vur lah-nee,
iss too ar mam-way;
bee ogg ish-tacht dween mar shin.
Iss too an keer-eh,
ah-neesh ee-nar deer-eh;
ah Vahn-Feysa tin-feem ah-reen.
Ah hin-eh grah,
ah hin-eh vya;
low de thoil eh ogg tacht Vreed dween.

# **Lady Brigid**



Lady Brigid of the Bards,
Blessed fire of inspiration.
Spark the flames within our hearts,
Lead our creative exploration.
Lady Brigid hear our song,
As we give offerings of praise.
Let your blessings make us strong,
That we may serve you all our days.

## **Faery Song**

Words and Music: Lisa Thiel, 1995-1997

Dance, dance in the month of May Dance, dance for the queen of fey All my sisters dance and sing Dance around the faery ring

#### Chorus:

Celebrate the return of life
Dance, dance in the warm sunlight
All my brothers dance and sing
Dance around the faery ring

## Chorus

Dance, dance when the moon is bright Dance, dance in the pale starlight All my sisters dance and sing Dance around the faery ring

## Chorus

# Völuspá

Words and Music: Duivelspack, 2009

## Verse:

Ask veit ek standa, heitir Yggdrasill hár baðmr, ausinn hvíta auri; þaðan koma döggvar þærs í dala falla; stendr æ yfir grænn Urðar brunni.

# **Pronunciation guide:**

Ask vet yah standa,
Hey-tear eak-dra-seek
Hower bourth-ma
rey-zing kveek-taa oor-rey
Vadan komma durk-va
ver sea da-la futla
Standrey vear-gret
fuer-da bruk-nee

## We Won't Wait Any Longer

Chorus:

We won't wait any longer, we are stronger than before We won't wait any longer, we are stronger

We have trusted no man's promise
We have kept just to ourselves
We have suffered from the lies
In all the books upon your shelves
And our patience and endurance
Through the Burning Times and now
Have given us the strength to keep our
vow.

#### Chorus

You have grazed away the heather And have razed the sacred Grove You have driven native people From the places that they love Though your greed has been unbounded You have felt the pangs of shame Every time you trod upon the Mother's name.

Chorus

Words and Music: Gwydion Pendderwen, 1981

Though you thought you had destroyed
The memory of the Ancient Ways
Still the people light the bale fires
Every year on Solstice Day
And on Beltaine Eve and Samhain,
You can find us on the hill
Invoking once again the Triple Will.

#### Chorus

Through the ages many races
Have risen and have gone
But dispersed among the nations
Of the world we linger on
Now the time has come to take
The sacred Cauldron of Rebirth
And fulfill our ancient pledges to the
Earth.

Chorus 2x