

## We Are Bound

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Eastern sun, Southern fire,  
Western rain, Northern star:  
Circled within,  
Kith unto kin,  
We are bound.

Walk we now through this glade,  
As our ancestor made.  
Here lies revealed  
Our truths concealed:  
We are bound.

Sea and stone  
Salt and loam  
Hearth and home  
In us resounding.

Oh, pressed are we  
To be slaves unto men.  
Oh, yet we be  
Blessed beyond mortal ken.  
Oh, to be freed  
And reborn once again--  
We are bound.

To your tasks lay your hands,  
Though we tread foreign lands.  
Still we may part:  
Heart unto heart  
We are bound.

Sea and stone  
Salt and loam  
Hearth and home  
In us resounding.

Oh, severed still from the land we adored.  
Oh, of one wil, of one love of the Lord  
By the cup, by the cross, by the sword  
We are bound.

Sea and stone  
Salt and loam  
Hearth and home  
In us resounding.