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Roll your shoulders and sway slightly in your chair and find your center of gravity. Take three deep breaths and exhale slowly. Become aware of the place that is your center of gravity and then become aware of the place that is your center of consciousness within yourself. The place that is your center right now. Also become aware of the place within you that is the Above, the place that when you close your eyes and you look upwards feels like the highest place within. And take a deep breath and with your inward gaze, look within to the place that is the Below. Breath by breath glide downwards into the depths within. •••

Descend through mists and fog and as you go you begin to smell the salt of the sea and the crash of waves. The fog begins to thin and you feel your feet touchdown on to a shore of sand and pebbles. With each step you hear the click and shift of sand and stone. Ahead of you is a thick, squat, Ring Fort of stone that sits atop a strip of land that juts out into the ocean. The wind is cold and the sky and sea are filled with melancholy shades. You continue walking, knowing that it will take you to the gate of the fort. As you approach you see that there are two statues that guard the entrance. As you get closer you see that the statues are Sphinxes, one upon a pedestal of Onyx and the other upon a pedestal of Alabaster. The statues turn their heads to gaze upon you.

The wind now has kicked up and is strong at your back, pushing you to the gate of the fort. As you pass between the Sphinxes they say, “Who will you be?” • “Who will you be?” ••

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It is dark inside the Ring Fort, the drear of stormy skies is replaced by deep night. You stand still to let your eyes adjust and as they do you find that you are not alone. Directly in front of you is a cloaked figure with goat horns holding a two pronged staff. You stand perfectly still. Unsure of what comes next. The figure speaks to you of the pain of your path in the world and of the joy of being alive as if you were wearing your soul on your sleeve. Listen •••••

With a crackling, electric sound, the two pronged staff, the Stang, bursts into green flames. The cloaked figure points the Stang towards the center of the Fort. A rip appears in the darkness and widens until it becomes large enough to pass through. The Guardian, who is also a Guide, lifts their other hand and points. At first you don't move. Then, They point again, jabbing insistently at the rip in the darkness edged in flames. You walk through it, feeling electrical tingles throughout your body. •••

You are still inside the Ring Fort, but the air is warm and sweet and the Fort contains a meadow of flowers with a scatter of trees. There are bees buzzing with the sound of life on the wing. You hear the sound of wrens, robins, crows, and faintly sea gulls. Past the boundaries of the round stone wall, you can still see the gray, cold dreary skies, but directly above the sky is bright. ••

At the edges near the walls you see moving, twinning, braiding cords of light, red, orange, blue, and green. Dancing at the edges of your vision you see, sense, spirit beings moving within the shifting lights. •

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You hear a song, slow becoming clearer and louder. As the song builds you feel a deep stirring in your core and your skin begins to glow with an opalescent light. Each breath you take feels deeper, more expansive, as the light of your selfhood brightens. •• As the song builds, you see lights spark into being around you and see that you are actually with a multitude of people, all shining. One of the people is The Herald of Change and he bids you look to the center.

You see that there are now five fountains of light arranged in a circle around the center of the meadow. By each fountain of light, stands a woman of power, you cannot tell if they are Goddesses, Fae, or Ancestors. All you know is the deep response you have whenever you look upon them. ••

One of them speaks. She is the Great Mother of the power of Love. Hear her. •••

You hear everyone say: “Power Of Love Abide •• Power Of Love Abide”

One of them speaks. She is the Great Mother of the power of Hope. Hear her. •••

You hear everyone say: “Power Of Hope Abide •• Power Of Hope Abide”

One of them speaks. She is the Great Mother of the power of Faith. Hear her. •••

You hear everyone say: “Power Of Faith Abide •• Power Of Faith Abide”

One of them speaks. She is the Great Mother of the power of Peace. Hear her. •••

You hear everyone say: “Power Of Peace Abide •• Power Of Peace Abide”

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One of them speaks. She is the Great Mother of the power of Gnosis. Hear her. •••

You hear everyone say: “Power Of Gnosis Abide •• Power Of Gnosis Abide”

All those gathered raise their voices in a song of thanks and blessing. A Star of Brilliance links the Five Fountains of the Great Mothers.

The Herald of Change steps forth and points his scepter towards the center of the meadow in the Fort.

There is a rumbling sound, so deep and low that you feel it in your bones and teeth. With a wrenching noise like a long unused door hinge, the center of the meadow opens to become a square of velvet night spangled with stars glowing within a nebula. •

The Herald Of Change nods and four out of the shining company step out and stride to the edge of Space itself. They each take their place at a corner and hold out their hands, palms up. • From the corners of the door into space, gold obelisks arise. The faint outline of a Sphinx hovers in the air above the starry abyss. They prepare to call the Powers of the Sphinx and it is as if all and everything took a breath, then paused.

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The first of the Caller speaks of the power To Know •

Feel it within you.

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The Caller speaks of the power To Dare •

Feel it within you.

The Caller speaks of the power To Will •

Feel it within you.

The Caller speaks of the power To Keep Silent •

Feel it within you.

The Four Powers pulse within you. • •

The Power to Know • The Power to Dare • The Power to Will • The Power to Be Silent

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Two Staff Bearers approach the square of the starry deep. • They position themselves opposite each other. Lines of light spring up from the four small obelisks and a taller fifth obelisk arises. • The Pyramid is complete and shines so brightly that it is also reflected downwards into the starry deep. A Sphinx wreathed in light hovers above the Pyramid. •

With staves and voices they cast a charm of overlapping eight pointed stars, the stars of regeneration. The eight pointed stars light within and without. In each person and in the square of space. The whole company of shining ones begins to move in a circle in the meadow round the Pyramid, like stars round the pole star.

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The turning slows and comes to a stillness, a stop. •

The Daughter of the Star Goddess bids us to see each other, truly see each other. Look around at all those that shine with you. •••••

The Herald of Change bids us to move, dance, mingle, and to see each other as a new weaving in the web of stars and destinations. •• As we move and greet and honor what we *Are*, we change and change, transforming and revealing the facets of self within. ••••

The company, the multitude offers thanks to all that is, seen and unseen, •

Two Gryphons part the veil that opens the portal from the Ring Fort to the World of Earth. •

We depart singing with joy and ready to be the Sphinxes of the Earth. ••• The Portal of Return opens and you pass through ••

Return to the here and now. Return to the here and now. Return to the here and now.
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Gently open your eyes.

Wiggle your toes and breathe deep and say your name silently to yourself.