

2006 Litany - Let it Begin Now

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Evelie:

A year of beauty, a year of plenty,
A year of planting, a year of harvests,
A year of forests, a year of healing,
A year of vision, a year of passion,
A year of rebirth.
This year we shall renew the earth,
This year we shall renew the earth.

Eileen:

Let it begin with the rains,
Let it begin with deep snows
On the granite bones of the mountains,
On ancient uncut forests,
Oh let it begin like a running stream,
Like a wild, white water river,
Let it flow down through the valleys,
The grasslands and the croplands,
May they yield a good harvest
For all those who plant them,
Those who tend them and who pick them
May all who hunger now be fed,
May we heal the soil that grows our bread

Joanna:

Let the rivers flow into a bay
of clear and living waters
May all the buried streams run free,
And the salmon return each year from the sea;
Oh let it begin with the whales
As they pass on their long migrations;
May flocks of seabirds darken the sky,
And the great winged condor freely fly;
may summer bring back songbirds
From the rainforest that grows and thrives;
may they take wing in peace,
May they fly over lands at peace;
May all the cycles of life be saved,
And all the risks of change be braved;

Next is Jewel

Jewel:

Let it begin with fresh winds,
The breath of flourishing forests,
May they carry the voices of women,
May they bring us the songs of our ancestors,
And teach our hidden histories,
And awaken our ancient memories;
Oh let it begin in the streets of this fog-ringed city,
May we walk these streets safely,
May all who are ailing here find care
For the spirit and body,
May we shelter all who need fire and bed,
And be a refuge for those who fled,
May this be a city of lovers, of poets, singers and dancers,
Of dreamers, and drummers, and changers,
May the old ones and the young be loved,
May all the forms of love be blessed,
And all the colours of our skin be praised,
Like sisters, like brothers,
May we take care of each other,

Max:

Let it begin with the fire,
The smouldering coals of an ancient hearth,
With the secret visions in our hearts,
May we fan the flames into life,
May we tend the fires of life,
May all the works of change be done
May we draw power from the wind and sun,
And weave our magic from the turning moon
And dance on the living earth,
She is our Mother, our healer, our lover,
And we are of her, We are her circle,
circle of healing, circle of planting,
The seeds of our new year, a year of rebirth.
This year we shall renew the Earth,
This year we shall renew the Earth.

Soloists (harmony):

Let it begin with each step we take
And let it begin with each change we make
And let it begin with each chain we break
And let it begin every time we awake

Next is Chorus (Unison)

Chorus (Unison):

Let it begin with each step we take
And let it begin with each change we make
And let it begin with each chain we break
And let it begin every time we awake...

(ad infinitum)

- 1st X: 1st drummer enters
- 2nd X: 2nd drummer enters
- 3rd X: Guitar enters
- 4th X: Flute enters
- 5th X: Flute improv/2nd guitar improv
- 6th X: Instrumental solo?
- 7th X: Guitar improv
- 8th X: Instrumental improv?

Couplet: ALL

We are alive / Let it begin now (8X)

QUATRAIN CHORUS BEGINS (IX)

Eileen – (Soloists echo):

- 1 May the old ones and the young be blessed (May the old ones and the young be blessed)
- 2 May all the forms of love be loved (May all the forms of love be loved)
- 2 And all the colors of our skin be praised (And all the colors of our skin be praised)
- 3 And all the cycles of life be saved (And all the cycles of life be saved)
- 3 May this be a city of lovers, of poets, singers and dancers,
Of dreamers, and drummers, and changers. (Of dreamers, and drummers, and changers)

Jewel (Soloists: Let it begin now):

- 4 A year of freedom (Let it begin now)
- A year of peace, (Let it begin now)
- A year of harvests, (Let it begin now)
- A year of forests, (Let it begin now)
- 5 A year of justice (Let it begin now)
- A year of freedom (Let it begin now)
- A year of healing (Let it begin now)
- A year of harvests (Let it begin now)
- 6 A year of forests (Let it begin now)
- A year of justice (Let it begin now)
- Freedom (Let it begin now)
- Healing (Let it begin now)
- 7 Harvests (Let it begin now)
- Forests (Let it begin now)

Jewel/ Soloists continue

- Freedom and Justice (Let it begin now)
- Healing and harvests (Let it begin now)
- 8 Harvests and forests (Let it begin now)
- Freedom and justice (Let it begin now)
- Peace and freedom (Let it begin now)
- Healing and justice (Let it begin now)

9, 10 Quatrain: ALL 2X (Unison):

Let it begin with each step we take
 And let it begin with each change we make
 And let it begin with each chain we break
 And let it begin every time we awake...

Meg (Soloists: Let it begin now):

- 11 Clear running waters (Let it begin now)
- Free flowing rivers (Let it begin now)
- That flow from the mountains (Let it begin now)
- The high Sierras (Let it begin now)
- 12 Her bones are granite (Let it begin now)
- Her eyes are blue lakes (Let it begin now)
- Her arms are tall pines (Let it begin now)
- The mighty sequoias (Let it begin now)
- 13 Where owls and eagles (Soaring wings)
- Brown bears and grizzlies (Feathered serpents)
- Singing coyotes (Flirt with the wind)
- All grow and flourish (Feeling alive)

Badger (descant by Kate and Maya):

- 14 Flow through the foothills (Rolling down)
- The rolling grasslands (Rolling down)
- By waving oak tree (Rolling down, down down)
- Down to the valleys (Down, down, down)
- 15 Valleys of ripe grain (Apples and lemons)
- Of grapes and almonds (Ripening harvest)
- Oranges and lemons (tomorrow)
- Make a good harvest (Ripening, ripening)
- 16 For all those who plant them (Planting our future)
- Those who tend them, and pick them (Taking our future)
- And when we eat them (Feeding tomorrow)
- We taste clear waters **Next is KFire/Sophie (descant by Rhiannon)**

KFire/Sophie (descant by Rhiannon)

- 17 Taste and be happy (Flowing free)
- When all the children (Happy children)
- Sleep with full bellies (Little ones, little ones)
- Sleep without fearing (Dreaming ones)

- 18 Curled up and trusting
That they are wanted (Hold me, hold me, hold me)
Grow strong and healthy (Soaring wings)
Swim in the rivers (Feeling alive)
- 19 That run through cities (Where we live)
Smile at each other (Sister and Brother)
Under the dark sky (The ageless sky)
Bright lights and music (Glittering song)
- 20 And many lovers (Dreaming our bodies)
Meeting each other (Feeding our dreams)
Dreamers and dancers (Dancing and dreaming)
Joy in the body (Dreaming joy, joy, heart of joy)

Jewel (descant by Joanna):

- 21 Joy in the sunset over the ocean
Where whales and dolphins all grow and flourish
- 22 Far flying seabirds, soar in the clean air
Touch many shorelines, link us together
- 23 Under the bright sun, that shares his power
to warm our houses, to plant and harvest
- 24 Under the white moon, who shares Her magic
To weave our circles, sleep without fearing
- 25 And wake to caring, for all the green earth
When we're all living, the air we're breathing
- 26 Water we're drinking, sun, fire and moonlight
She is our mother, and we are of her

QUATRAIN CHORUS #2 BEGINS

- 27, 28 **Chorus #1:** We are alive (16x)
29, 30 **Chorus #3:** Let it begin now (16x)

QUATRAIN: ALL (HARMONY)

- 31 Let it begin with each step we take
And let it begin with each change we make
And let it begin with each chain we break
And let it begin every time we awake...

Next is Kiriyo & Mary (Soloists respond)

Kiriyo 33-36 and Mary 33-34 (Soloists echo):

- 33 May the old ones and the young be blessed (May the old ones and the young be blessed)
May all the forms of love be loved (May all the forms of love be loved)
- 34 And all the colors of our skin be praised (And all the colors of our skin be praised)
And all the cycles of life be saved (And all the cycles of life be saved)
- 35 May this be a city of lovers, (May this be a city of lovers)

- Of poets, singers and dancers, (Of poets, singers and dancers)
 36 Of dreamers, and drummers, and changers. (Of dreamers, and drummers, and changers)
 Of dreamers, and drummers, and changers. (Of dreamers, and drummers, and changers)

37 QUATRAIN: ALL (HARMONY)

Rich (Soloists: Let it begin now):

- 38 Clear running waters (Let it begin now)
 Free flowing rivers (Let it begin now)
 That flow from the mountains (Let it begin now)
 The high Sierras (Let it begin now)
 39 Her bones are granite (Let it begin now)
 Her eyes are blue lakes (Let it begin now)
 Her arms are tall pines (Let it begin now)
 The mighty sequoias (Let it begin now)
 40 Where owls and eagles (Soaring wings)
 Brown bears and grizzlies (Feathered serpents)
 Singing coyotes (Flirt with the wind)
 All grow and flourish (Feeling alive)

41 QUATRAIN: ALL (HARMONY)

Max (descant by Jeremy):

- 42 Flow through the foothills (Rolling down)
 The rolling grasslands (Rolling down)
 By waving oak tree (Rolling down, down down)
 Down to the valleys (Down, down, down)
 43 Valleys of ripe grain (Apples and lemons)
 Of grapes and almonds (Ripening harvest)
 Oranges and lemons (tomorrow)
 Make a good harvest (Ripening, ripening)

Max and Jeremy continue

- 44 For all those who plant them (Planting our future)
 Those who tend them, and pick them (Taking our future)
 And when we eat them (Feeding tomorrow)
 We taste clear waters

45 QUATRAIN: ALL (HARMONY)

Sumir (descant by George)

- 46 Taste and be happy (Flowing free)
 When all the children (Happy children)
 Sleep with full bellies (Little ones, little ones)
 Sleep without fearing (Dreaming ones)

- 47 Curled up and trusting
 That they are wanted (Hold me, hold me, hold me)
 Grow strong and healthy (Soaring wings)
 Grow strong and healthy (Soaring wings)
- 48 Swim in the rivers (Feeling alive)
 That run through cities (Where we live)
 Smile at each other (smiling)
 Sisters and Brothers (trusting)
- 49 Under the dark sky (The ageless sky)
 Bright lights and music (Glittering song)
 And many lovers (Dreaming our bodies)
 Meeting each other (Feeding our dreams)
- 50 Dreamers and dancers (Dancing and dreaming)
 Dreamers and dancers (Dancing and dreaming)
 Joy in the body (Dreaming joy, joy, heart of joy)
 Joy in the body (Dreaming joy, joy, heart of joy)

QUATRAIN CHORUS #3 BEGINS

51 QUATRAIN: ALL (HARMONY)

Polly:

- 52 Joy in the sunset over the ocean
 Where whales and dolphins all grow and flourish
- 53 Far flying seabirds, soar in the clean air
 Touch many shorelines, link us together
- 54 Under the bright sun, that shares his power
 to warm our houses, to plant and harvest
- 55 Under the white moon, who shares Her magic
 To weave our circles, sleep without fearing
- 56 And wake to caring, for all the green earth
 When we're all living, the air we're breathing
- 57 Water we're drinking, sun, fire and moonlight
 She is our mother, and we are of her

Polly continues

58, 59 QUATRAIN: ALL (HARMONY) 2X

**60, 61 We are alive / Let it Begin Now (8x)
 (Over Quatrain)**

**BEGINNING OF THE END: (JEWEL WILL WATCH FOR STARHAWK'S
 SIGNAL AND MOTION TO EVELIE)**

Jewel (from the Center):

- 62 This is our circle, a circle of healing
 Healing the green earth, and our sore spirits

- 63 A circle of planting the seeds of a new year
And all of our voices are Her sweet music
- 64 Rise with Her power, rise like a fountain
Of clearest water, higher and higher
- 65 Rise like a fountain of clearest water
Higher and higher, higher and higher

Meg (echoed by Mary) (Soloists: Let it begin now)

- 66 A year of beauty (Beauty) (Let it begin now)
A year of plenty (Plenty) (Let it begin now)
A year of planting (Planting) (Let it begin now)
A year of freedom (Freedom) (Let it begin now)
- 67 A year of harvests (Harvests) (Let it begin now)
A year of forests (Forests) (Let it begin now)
A year of healing (Healing) (Let it begin now)
A year of peace (Peace) (Let it begin now)
- 68 A year of vision (Vision) (Let it begin now)
A year of rebirth (Let it begin now)
A year of rebirth (Let it begin now)
- 69 This year we shall renew the earth
This year we shall renew the earth

Soloists: This year we shall renew the earth
This year we shall renew the earth

CHORUS: This year we shall renew the earth
This year we shall renew the earth

- Max:** A year of planting (This year we shall renew the earth)
A year of freedom (This year we shall renew the earth)
- Sumir:** A year of harvests (This year we shall renew the earth)
A year of forests (This year we shall renew the earth)
- Meg:** A year of healing (This year we shall renew the earth)
A year of peace (This year we shall renew the earth)
- Eileen:** A year of vision (This year we shall renew the earth)
A year of passion (This year we shall renew the earth)

SOLOISTS: A year of rebirth

CHORUS: This year we shall renew the earth

ALL: This year we shall renew the earth (WATCH EVELIE)
This year we shall renew the earth
This year we shall renew the earth (BEGIN HARMONY)
This year we shall renew the earth
This year we shall renew the earth
This year we shall renew the earth

CUT, ONE BEAT, THEN ONE TONE TO RAISE THE CONE OF POWER!!!