***A Druid Blessing for the Trees***

*A ninefold 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 rooting boar beneath you,*

*Power of the gliding hawk above you.*

*Deep peace of the running stream through your roots,*

*Deep peace of the flowing air in 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.*

*Mara Freeman*

*Honorary Bard of The Order of Bards Ovates and Druids*