

Calling Upon the Gatekeeper

(offering of mead is made to the model of the Zbruch Idol)

PD : In ancient times, the Slavic people believed that their Gods lived among them, guiding them in their daily lives, rewarding their labors and their devotions with fruitful fields and fertile herds. They had no need for Gatekeepers to open the Gates between the Realms. Today it is our custom within Ar nDraiocht Fein to think of the Realms as Sacred Lands with each of the Three Kindred as Sovereigns over each of the Three Realms, separated by revered and holy Gates.

There is a legend that a Seer was invoked by the Ruler of the Dark Kingdom to return his horse with the light of the sun shining from the star mark on its head from the Kingdom of Light whose Rulers had stolen it. After traveling through six kingdoms, the Seer found the Sun-Horse in the seventh kingdom and captured it through transformational magic and swordsmanship. The Seer returned the Sun-Horse, bringing light once again to the Dark Kingdom.

Svantovit, God of Divination, You are called “raising of the sun in the morning” bringing with You the light and warmth from across the sea. Mighty God of War, You also bring fertility and abundance by protecting Your people with Your sword, and guarding the harvest of their fields. Seer, You returned the Sun-Horse to the Dark Kingdom, traveling between the Realms. Svantovit, we ask that You carry our call to the Gods to be with us, to receive our gifts of honor and love, and to share with us Their blessings. Gatekeeper, accept this offering as a token of our love, and let the Well open as a Gate. *(bowing to the Well)* Let the fire open as a Gate. *(bowing to the Fire)* Let the Tree open as a Gate. *(bowing to the Zbruch Idol and saying forcefully)*

Svantovit, da BUdut otkRYty vraTA!

Let the Gates be opened!

All : Let the Gates be opened!