

# Beacons in the Darkness

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We have learned to live by reason  
And our knowledge guards us here,  
But the caves still live within us,  
We still know the ancient fear.  
When the cold and dark are growing  
And the light shrinks day by day,  
It is time to make our own light  
That will drive the dark away.

## *Refrain:*

Lighting beacons in the darkness  
To await the sun's return,  
Keeping hope against the winter  
Let the solstice fire burn,  
We fight cold with celebration,  
And we answer gloom with light,  
As we keep the beacons glowing  
Through the winter's longest night.

In our stories and our legends  
Comes the tale of death and birth,  
Of how light and warmth escape us  
Then return again to Earth,  
Of the heroes who regain it  
Or in trying fail and die,  
Of the sun that falls in weakness  
Yet still climbs back to the sky.

## *Refrain*

Every culture in the north world  
Has its version of the tale.  
Something dies, yet life continues,  
It will not forever fail.  
So we raise our lights defiant,  
Each one in a different name,  
And whatever we may call them,  
All our hopes remain the same:

## *Refrain*