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Thru the chorus night
grasshopper and cicada
weave strands of flutelike wonder.

The mystic mandala,
keep of the Heavens,
sings to earth with stars.

In his corral
the master's horse awakens.
Heart astir, he hears the sounds
of his wild brothers
charging toward the sea.

Wild, unbridled,
his fractured mind leaps the splintered fence
of his captivity
and seeks association
in the chorus night.

White Wolf, river guide,
maker of pollen and arbiter of harvest
with juniper staff
and eagle's wing
waves his soul in the horse's eye
asking the slave horse, "Take me home."

With seasalt in his nostrils and snare-raps in his ears
Horse adds new hues to the mystic mandala,
hoof-plowing the earth for the new year's seed.

White Wolf, mane in hand, rides for Heaven
at the head of the herd.

On the glowing edge of the chorus night
White Wolf dances
to the flutelike meditations
cicada sings in stillness
as Horse brings in the corn.

