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THE GATHERING

by David Sparenberg

Wait! Wait! Watch and
Wait for the gathering of druids
Those who know
Everywhere, always
There is something more.
And beyond.

Beyond the existential threat.
Beyond despair.

Deep down inside
The soul is nesting
Something marvelous
Begins to stir.

Celebrate replanting
The life force of forests.
Recover the maps of
Pathfinder wisdom.
Follow tracks
And the ancient stone altars
Of avatars.

Ancestors lived here before
Aligned with ways of the Earth.

Voices of power and melodies
Vibrate and echo.
Return of shaman songs
The prayers of heretics
Stories of spirit-warriors
And myth singing bards.

Beyond the death of silence.
Beyond hopelessness, despair.

Avatar-Humans
Emerge here among us
Aligned with the ways of the
Earth.
Sages and shepherds
To guide life's circle
Of children
Back into truth. Back
To tomorrow.