



Weaves the Basket

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**A prayer, a song, a sigh,
Weaving the basket
Weaving the dream.**

**Fabric and foil, warp
And weaver, basket
Coils from Spirit's eye.
Spiral basket, gathered
From a tended land.**

**We gather
River song and wind rustle,
A surge and a sigh
Pulsing air and water
Through veins, landscapes, gills.
Soft stems welcome light.**

**Weaving water, wind and light,
Coiling white root through deer
Grass, wrapping core.
Cradles the baby
Buries the weaver
Carrying water
Cooking acorn
Each wrap is a prayer.
Each plant is a song.**

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