

**All Together: WE KEEP US LOVED**

our imagination and memory  
find the wisdom of our ancestors  
find our future in the rubble  
find the seeds in our songs

**Together: WE KEEP US SAFE**

our attention and courage  
show us the next stand to take  
the next hill on which to hold  
each other  
and if needed, the next hiding  
place: survive!

**we** choose our freedom  
we keep each other's souls intact  
safer than any cage of empire  
we know something better  
is coming

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we are each other's safety  
we see each other's freest selves  
we will hold on tight, in public,  
in private  
over and underground

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we are building our stamina  
we dream of the **real** world  
we carry god, and see god,  
in each of our faces  
your holiness is not too heavy,  
not for me

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**we** are the adaptation  
no oppressor can imagine  
our love is water – form-shifting  
power, river, vapor, life  
we flood each other with belonging

and we will never let go  
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now take that piece of paper and  
memorize it – that is your spell of  
community safety. when you have  
it in your tongue and bones, bury it  
into dirt you love so the earth  
holds this commitment with you,  
with us.

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every part of us is a shield  
our words, our trust, our hearts  
our bodies in action  
and the freedom to think for  
ourselves

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there will be strangers  
they will become comrades  
we will each say our needs  
we will learn to let community  
come closer

**axé oooo, ameen, amen, aho,  
and so it is (RING BELL)**

a community safety ritual: write down or  
bring to mind the names of those you  
commit to protecting, specific names,  
and targeted groups of people. it can be  
a long list or a short one, it just needs to  
be a true commitment for you.

(Each page can be read by a new reader.  
After each **"Together,"** the group says  
**"WE KEEP US SAFE/LOVED"** in unison.)

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it's time to cover all that we love  
land, creature, place, person  
intertwine your roots with mine  
in this way our lives become  
miracles

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**we** are each other's safety  
right now, and every day  
decide who you will protect  
yourself, your own and who else



**it is our turn to  
carry the world**

**a spell for  
community safety**

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