Ancestors Invocation

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The Children of the Earth call out to the Mighty Dead:

Hear us, O, Ancestors:

You pioneers, who bravely explored new lands, mapped the world and build roads that we may now find our way to each other.

You entrepreneurs, who plowed the boundaries of new settlements, planted our hearths and domesticated the wild plants and animals that live with us and sustain us.

You teachers, who convey to us the wisdom of the ages, lessons you learned the hard way, and who instruct us in the ways of *qhosti*.

Come to our fire, Ancestors;

Meet us at the boundary;

Guide us and ward us as we walk the elder ways.

Ancestors, accept our offering.