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SOLO KEY

The ash grove how graceful, How plainly 'tis speaking,  
 The harp through it playing has language for me;  
 Whenever the light through its branches is breaking,  
 A host of kind faces is gazing on me.  
 The friends of my childhood again are before me,  
 Each step wakes a mem'ry as freely I roam;  
 With whispers laden, its leaves rustle o'er me;  
 The ash grove, the ash grove alone is my home.

\*On mahlos ilween on gint, veh drigipen devig.  
 Evehoith us gwiahr ok ahgloo'ith uh wlad;  
 Ok eethoeen eneth uh anoid uneenig,  
 Uh henol eer honos oith irees i thod,  
 Eith caryod you gwailed un lan uh feer lenken,  
 Ond codire us gwiahr un ovahr ok airch,  
 Ee saitheer bach genen, ond gweer othi linin,  
 lairged un oorgam ee vunwee i vaurch.

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## Tune/Break/Back-Up



GROUP KEY

5

1. 2. V

*tr*

G C G D7 G G

10

V

G Amin D7 G

18

V

*tr*

Emin D A7 D7 G

22

V

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Amin D7 G C G D7 G

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