

Sacred Hoop of Life-Black Elk Speaks!

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**May Black Elk being a holy man of the
Ogalala Sioux intercede for us
to protect this earth and its water.**

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“Then I was standing
on the highest mountain of them all,
and round about me
was the whole hoop of the world.
And while I stood there
I saw more than I can tell
and I understood more than I saw;
for I was seeing in a sacred manner
the shapes of all things in the spirit,
and the shape
of all the shapes
of all things in the spirit,
and the shape of all shapes
as they must live together
like one being.
And I saw that the sacred hoop of my people
was one of many hoops
that made one circle,
wide as daylight and starlight,
and in the center
grew one mighty flowering tree
to shelter all the children
of one mother and one father.
And I saw that it was holy.”