

## **This Sacred Thread**

Heather K Janules

**They once dwelled among us, the people of memory.**

*They who knew us, they who taught us,*

*They who hurt us, they who loved us.*

**They touch our lives time and again,**

**through their presence and their absence.**

*Through familiar scents and favorite songs,*

*Through old stories and renewed sorrow.*

**As the earth turns and leaves fall,**

**We reach back to renew the bonds between us.**

*With hearts and hands open*

*We hold onto to love,*

*Ever-stronger than death.*

**We reach back in gratitude and understanding -**

**Without our time together,**

**The pain and the joy,**

*We would never be who we are today;*

*We would have little to pass on ourselves.*

**Without fear, with thanksgiving**

**and with hope for all that awaits,**

*We remember those who have gone before,*

*We honor the circle of life and death,*

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