

Miigwech

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These are the composer's notes about the lyrics

- some will recognize the word as "Great" spirit, rather than "Kind" spirit. I was taught we referred to "Spirit" in any context as kind, but once the settlers came, they changed it to "Great"; they idealized hierarchy within spirituality
- the eastern doorway is where the sun rises and life begins, honouring the spirit of new life
- the southern doorway is where an incredible amount of growth occurs, honouring the season of summer and the passion of adolescence
- the western doorway is where the sun sets and the physical turns to spiritual, honouring the aspect of death; an end to allow for a new beginning
- the northern doorway is where wisdom lives, honouring our inner knowing and connection to spirit
- Vowels are the hiy-yo's you hear at the end of each line. These do not translate to any language, however vowels are vocally the simplest form of communication; through sound. This can aid in releasing energy that cannot be released through words.