### WHALEBONES AND CROSSES

Words and Music by Joe Henry & Lee Holdridge, from Autograph (1980)

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**Chords for WHALEBONES AND CROSSES:**

- **Em**
- **Bm9**
- **G**
- **A**

**Lyrics:**

STAND AGAINST THE ARCTIC SKY.

THE WIND BLOWS THROUGH THE GRAVEYARD,

WHERE OUR FALLEN FATHERS LIE.

ETERNAL SNOW THAT COVERS THEM.

THE SHADOWS OF THE SUN.

THE MIGHTY STRUGGLE ON THE SEAS.

A WAY OF LIFE IS RUN.

I'LL SING FOR YOU MY FATHER.

FOR THE ANCIENT SACRED WAYS.

HOW THE HUNTER LOVED THE HUNTED.

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Bm9
HOW THE NIGHT BECOMES THE DAY.
Em            C
THE CIRCLE OF THE MIGHTY SPIRIT
G         A
KEEPS US IN ITS FOLD.
D        A/C#   Bm      F#m/A
THE WARMTH OF UNDERSTANDING LIKE
F#7sus4   F#7       Bm
A LIGHT SHOT THROUGH THE COLD.
G        A
THEN BRING TO ME MY PEOPLE.
Bm               C#7sus4  C#7
TOUCH THEM WITH YOUR LOVING HANDS.
F#           E
LEAD THEM FROM CONFUSION.
Ebsus4   Eb         Bb
LEAD THEM BACK UNTO THE LAND.
Dbsus4    Dbsus4/C
FOR SICKNESS SEEMS TO BLOCK THEIR PATH.
Bbmadd4    Bbm7/Ab   F/A
IT CLOUDS MY PEOPLE's EYES.
Bbm       Fm/Ab    Gb
THE PROMISE THAT AN IDLE TRUTH
Fsus4    F7       Bbm   Bm   Em
WILL REAP A GOLDEN LIE.
Em
WHALEBONES AND CROSSES
Bm9
STAND AGAINST THE ARCTIC SKY.
Em
THE WIND BLOWS THROUGH THE GRAVEYARD,
Bm9
WHERE OUR FALLEN FATHERS LIE.
Em            C
THE TIMELESS HUNT A JOURNEY BACK
G         A
TO WHAT WE ONCE CAME FROM.
D        A/C#   Bm      F#m/A
COMPASSION AND NOBILITY
F#7sus4   F#7       Bm
BENEATH THE MIDNIGHT SUN.
D        A/C#   Bm      F#m/A
THE MIGHTY STRUGGLE ON THE SEAS.
Bm/F#     F#7       Em   Bm   Bmadd9
A WAY OF LIFE IS RUN.

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