

Black Elk's Circle Poem, "Life Is A Circle."

(Black Elk, 1863-1950, was a Medicine Man of the Oglala Sioux Nation)

**Everything the Power of the world does,
is done in a circle.**

**The sky is round
and I have heard that the earth
is round like a ball,
and so are all the stars.**

**The wind, in its greatest power, whirls.
Birds make their nests in circles;
for theirs is the same religion as ours.**

**The sun comes forth and
goes down again in a circle.
The moon does the same
and both are round.**

**Even the seasons form a great circle
in their changing,
And always come back
to where they were.**

**The life of a man is a circle,
from childhood to childhood.**

**And so it is with everything
where Power moves.**