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Grandfathers' Teachings¹

Creator gives us
Grandfathers' teachings
Wisdom alights, from the east
To keep us whole.

Creator gives us
Grandfathers' teachings
Love warms us all, from the south
To keep us whole.

Creator gives us
Grandfathers' teachings
Respect shines forth, from the west
To keep us whole.

Creator gives us
Grandfathers' teachings
Bravery blows, from the north
To keep us whole.

Creator gives us
Grandfathers' teachings
Honesty falls, from above
To keep us whole.

Creator gives us
Grandfathers' teachings
Humility, from below
To keep us whole.

Creator gives us
Grandfathers' teachings
Truth guides us all, from within
To keep us whole.

¹ Written by Allen Jorgenson, Professor of Systematic Theology and Assistant Dean at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, based on the Seven Grandfathers' Teachings followed by a number of First Nations and brought to the Seminary's Inshallah choir by The Good Hearted Women Singers drumming circle, Mine Ode Kwewok N'gamowok. It's meant to be sung to the tune of "Beauty Before Me."