

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

Four people wearing robes begin with suitable music to establish the mood and let the participants take their places. After all are assembled, a poem or special reading suitable for the occasion may be read. This portion should point toward triumph rather than grief.

SAND AND SALT

The tide comes in and the tide goes out, but the salt remains in the sea,
And the sand stays there on the lonely shore and teaches a lesson to me.
Some things in life have permanence and others come and go,
And the beauty and richness of life depend on how much we know
Of the splendid enduring values that give life its strength and stay,
And how well we are able to judge things that are just for today.
Fame and fortune and material wealth are like the tides of the sea.
They come and go; they are restless;
We know not what they will be but love, faith, honesty
And truth, compassion, and care are sand and salt on the shores of life;
Their strength helps us to bear the trials and woes of uncertain days.
Only through them can we gain release
From the shifting, restless tides of life and find any kind of peace.
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And the sand stays there on the lonely shore and teaches this lesson to me.

(Names may be read or presented in written form. Candles or roses may be used as desired.)
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