

7 etc.etc.....

S. — is love

A. thing that stands in the way of love

T. thing that stands in the way of love

B. give - ness This fire is the pow - er of kind - ness and

9 1. 2.

S. This fire

A. Burn - ing a -

T. Burn - ing a -

B. gra - ti - tude This fire is the gra - ti - tude

This chant was written for a wedding, which was to close with the whole assembled throng circled around a great fire, chanting these words. Unfortunately, it was really raining, so we went under a covered shelter and used a giant can of sterno for the flame. It still worked, and the song has been a well-received chant around fires at festivals and camps ever since.

I've also done it as a concentric circle dance, where those in the center cluster face out while singing the soprano lines, the next group encircles them, while also facing outwards and singing the bass line or "engine", and the final outer circle faces inwards and sings the alto and tenor lines. A simple side-step can keep the circles moving past each other, while making appropriate hand gestures to deepen the effect.

It works best to teach the parts separately and bring them in sequentially once you get them learned by clusters of people. In a large outdoor gathering, I don't really separate people into sections, I just teach everyone all the parts and let them choose what they want to sing. Just emphasize to have a bunch of folks committed to keeping the engine going, ("This fire is the power...etc.)