
Hala made a large circle
of stones on the ground.

She called out to the Sun, raising her
hands to the sky in prayer.

To complete her ritual,
she lit a fire in the middle
of her circle and . . .


The sisters continued to travel together,
and Selene grew into a caring and strong
young woman, always guided by the
warmth and brightness of the Sun.
They crossed each of the forest's mountains
until they reached a pole of brightly
coloured ribbons dancing in the air.

As snow began to fall, Gaia and Selene came across a group of merry animals decorating a gigantic fir tree. The girls helped adorn the tree with cinnamon and dried orange slices.

"This tree is to celebrate Yule," explained Gaia. "It is a symbol of life and a reminder of what's to come in nature as the days get warmer and longer. Baby animals will be born and the crops will start to grow."

