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Spell

Summon the summoners, the twenty-six enchanters. Spelling silence into sound, they bind and loose, they find and are not found. Re-call the river-tongues from Alph to Styx, summon the summoners, the shaping shapes the grounds of sound, the generative gramma signs of the Mystery, inscribed arcana runes from the root-tree written in the deeps, leaves from the tale-tree lifted, swift and free, shining, re-combining in their dance the genesis of every utterance, pattering the pattern of the Tree. Summon the summoners, and let them sing.

The summoners will summon Everything.

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