

# **The Heart of a Warrior**

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Listen my children, Listen and you will learn.  
Learn that within your chest beats the heart of a warrior.  
It is the greatest gift I will ever give you.  
The courage to face any challenge,  
To test any truth,  
To have conviction and desire,  
To confront your fears with quiet pride and an indomitable spirit.

Hold your head high; be confident in your own strength.  
Use your fears to temper your soul.  
When the time is right grab the challenge.  
Take a hold of your life and force it into the direction of your choosing.

Stab at the heavens with a closed fist,  
With your fingers tightly wrapped around your fears.  
Show God how you seek the challenge of life.  
Breathe deeply in the quiet solitude of nature.  
Choose to love with conviction and compassion.  
Embracing both passion and peace.  
Choose to be gentle, But live through strength.

Use your courage to stand against the torrent of heartfelt sorrow.  
Be wise in your choice of enemies.  
Give yourself freely to those deserving of your courage.  
May God smile upon you when you show him your courage.  
For this is life, both pure and simple.

And as the blood slowly drips through the clenched fingers of your fist,  
Open your hand, confront the remnants of your fears and be proud.  
For you will have seized life.  
Know this, within your chest beats the heart of a warrior.  
It is the greatest gift a father can give his children.