

THE DAY OF THE SACRED DEATH

Today, today
he climbs
the sacred steps on
the day of his death.

The strong warrior
can hear the
drums that thump
like a heart beat.

He arrives
At the top of the Great
Temple and he is held
down on the shining, bloody stone.

Then the priest holds up
the deadly, flint knife
and cuts open the warrior's chest.
He pulls out his ruby red heart.

Huitzilpochtli make the sacred
sunlight come out. Make it
bright and powerful,
on the day of his dead.

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