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## INDIGENOUS REMEMBRANCE DAY POETRY

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### THE HEART OF BRAVERY

As we pause together in silence today, let us find  
some stillness and breath.  
And within that breath  
And within that silence  
Let us listen.

-- I have been taught that the greatest weapon of  
a warrior is not a weapon  
but a way of being.  
A ways of being kind  
Noble  
Compassionate  
And brave.

And I have been taught that  
The warrior who is brave  
Is a warrior who practices bravery  
Not only in grand, sweeping actions  
But in those small moments that ask us to open  
our hearts and  
To stay open in the face of whatever it is  
That makes us want to close shut.

So, in our breath  
And in our silence  
May we take courage  
May we take courage from our ancestors' big and  
small acts of bravery  
These acts which remind us to live our own.

-by Brittany Amell - Indigenous Student Carleton  
University

"The Drum beat steady and deeply resonant  
reaches into the past, present and future:

Pulsing with medicines the drum is our  
heartbeat, a golden glow that always moves  
beneath the surface of all that takes place.

Everywhere there is war,

But streaming from the four directions, the  
sky is filled with legions of thunderbirds  
young and old sacrificing life to restore  
peace and love."

-by Anonymous Indigenous Author

