



So live your life
 that the fear of death can never
 enter your heart.
*Trouble no one about their religion;
 respect others in their view,
 and demand that they respect yours.*
 Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all
 things in your life.
*Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the
 service of your people*
 Prepare a noble death song for the day
 when you go over the great divide.
*Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or
 passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place.*
 Show respect to all people and grovel to none.
*When you rise in the morning give thanks for
 the food and the joy of living. If you see no reason
 for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself.*
 Abuse no one and no thing, for abuse turns the wise
 ones to fools and robs the spirit of its vision.
*When it comes for your time to die, be not like those
 whose hearts are filled with the fear of death,
 so that when their time comes, they weep
 and pray for a little more time to live their
 lives over again in a different way.*
 Sing your death song and die
 like a hero going home."

- Chief Tecumseh,
 Shawnee Nation

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