

* THE WARRIOR PAINTINGS *

The spirit of The Warrior is an adventuring forth ~
A pressing forward ~
A cavorting ~ onto a primordial field of battle.

The Warrior moves with grace and authority ~
Transfixing and transforming the powers of darkness
Into light.

The forces of the universe are summoned :
Air, earth, fire, and water ~
The four directions ~
The day and the night ~
The moon and the sun.

The Warrior moves with fierceness and passion.
Cutting and cleansing ~
Its masses and pathways are undulating and strong.
Ecstatic markings and the shapes of creatures
Infuse and animate the whole field.

Each Warrior bears a central, vertical shaft of canvas ~
A reservoir of strength, stillness, and wisdom.
Upon this standard The Warrior pivots into battle.

The Warrior is a playing out of aggression,
A ritualizing of combat ~
So as to ward off the evil spirits of war ~
So as to enable the transformation of violence
Into creative, connective energy.

~ Lindy Lyman ~