

The Gates of Valhalla (immobile carving)

This ritual requires at least three participants: divided into “recipients”, who will have their souls tied to Valhalla, and “witnesses”, who will not. One of the participants is the leader. They must assemble outside the gates of Valhalla. The leader must have an iron spear, and the other participants must all have weapons.

The leader calls out “O Valkyries, Choosers of the Slain, these warriors have well served Odin in the fields of battle. See their worthiness and mark them for glory eternal in Odin’s hall.”

The other participants call out, “All-wise wish-givers, hear these warriors’ hearts!”

A piercing note rings out from nowhere and everywhere, then continues into a haunting melody. The leader continues, “With this spear, I dedicate these ones to Odin, that they may continue to serve Odin’s glory.” They then stab each recipient in the side with the spear.

The recipients must then call out together, “For the glory of Odin and my ancestors!” All participants must then battle each other nobly and gloriously. All are slain, but rise again here instead of going anywhere else.

The melody will then reach a crescendo. This consigns the recipients’ souls to Valhalla, and their current forms will soon fade away. (They can continue to act normally until game end.) A soul so consigned cannot later be consigned to anywhere else.

The melody will then complete with a crashing of gongs.

Involuntary Version

This ritual can be performed on an unwilling recipient. To do so, two participants other than the leader must be restraining the unwilling recipient, who does not need to say anything or actively participate and cannot interrupt the ritual while restrained. Instead of the recipient’s line, above, the leader must recite “O Valkyries, while this one may not properly know the joy of battle, surely all who die gloriously in combat are dear to you.” Then, instead of the battle, the leader and the stand-in kill the recipient and then each other, and all rise again here.