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Chalchiuhtlicue

Cold and fast

And living

Warm

When dead

Nourishing

Loving

Raging

Threatening

All encompassing

All Embracing

Beautiful

Perennial being

Vital to all

And is killed

Continuously

Haphazardly

She then

Will form our tears

Ever changing

Never the same

Providing guidance

A model

That goes unnoticed

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Only she
Cleanses
Body, mind and soul
Provides life
Goes unnoticed

Loving
But killed
Continuously
Carelessly

This perennial being
She then
In death
Will provide our tears