The model kshatriyas

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There was one very famous Hindu king. He was a very powerful king, devoted to God.
When the Muslims first came to India...
..he stopped them
About 1000 years ago, the first Muslim emperor invaded India with a huge army, hundreds and thousands of men. He invaded North India from Persia.
What is now called Punjab there lived one king with a very small army. But these Kshatriyas were so powerful and devoted to God, that they stopped the Muslim king seventeen times.
The Muslim army was huge and the Hindu army was very small
But the Hindu army were such determined Kshatriyas that every time they pushed back the Muslim king seventeen times.
Every time they caught the Muslim emperor, and every time they let him go. The Hindu king was very compassionate, and every time he would say...
All right, I will not kill you. You can go.
The Muslim king made a pact with another Hindu king
Together they overthrew the first Hindu king.
So the Muslim king captured the Hindu king
I'm not going to make the same mistake that you made. I'm not going to let you go, I'm going to cut off your head.
But first, I've heard that you are a very expert bowman. I've heard that you can shoot a dove at 100 metres blindfolded. Just by the sound of the wings of that dove, you can shoot him from 100 metres away.
If you can prove to me that you can do this, I will spare your life
The Hindu king didn't trust him, but he said...

All right
So they went to this huge arena with a stadium, and there were thousands and thousands of people. That Hindu king stood at one end of the stadium. There was a dove in a box 100 metres away.
They were going to let that dove out and by the sound of the wings flapping, even though he was blindfolded he was going to shoot the bird.
All right, I'll do this, but just one thing you have to tell me when the box is opened.
You stand there and tell me, when the box is opened and I'll be able to shoot the dove.
The Muslim king agreed and then at the other end of the field they opened the box and the dove flew out.
So the Muslim king said...

Yes, now the dove is out
The Hindu king who was blindfolded, when he heard the Muslim king
He turned and shot the Muslim king through the heart. The Muslim king made the mistake of making a noise, so then just by hearing the noise, the Hindu king shot him through the heart.
Then he took his arrows
Muslim soldiers were shouting

You rascal!
And just by their voices the Hindu king was shooting all the Muslim soldiers dead.
He was all alone, fighting hundreds of men blindfolded
This is a soldier. He didn't run away and hide in fear, or start crying, please, spare my life. It was an honour to die in battle for the glory of God.
When he ran out of arrows he simply prayed to Krsna with his hands folded, meditating on the Lord.
Some Muslim soldiers were left
They took a sword and cut off his head
So these are glorious men, dying for the glory of God. Also to get an injury on sankirtana is a great glory.