

Danger Above, Danger Below

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The creative spirit is a gloriously bold
and fragile thing
It must overcome
excruciating self-doubt
just to recognize its existence.

Once recognized
the creative spirit then must summon a warrior's courage
to lift off into the air
Most daring of all it must fly naked and
alone

No warrior's protection
neither armor nor weapon
It offers only beauty
In its early stages testing its wings
riding the currents ever higher

learning the dynamics, the thrills, dangers of unfettered flight
the creative spirit is perhaps most vulnerable
Adversaries now the dual perils:
expectation and
the poison arrow

from below

