

# 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

