

## The Edge

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Most of us will never know  
How dark this world can seem  
When life becomes more nightmare than a dream.  
So to all of you who have survived  
A visit to the edge,  
I trust that you will understand this pledge.

I promise I will always leave  
The darkness for the light.  
I swear by all that's holy  
I will not give up the fight.  
I'll drink down death like water  
Before I ever come again  
To that dark place where I might make  
The choice for life to end.  
I've found that as I travelled  
Through the inscape of my land

That mountaintops make valleys in between.  
And when that nameless sadness  
Like a cloud comes over me  
I look back on all the brightness I have seen.

I realize that though my world  
Might seem so torn apart,  
Most often it is joy that breaks the heart.  
And that I am the richest man  
Though I must beg for bread,  
For the very One who might condemn  
Has called me friend instead.

I will always leave the darkness for the light.  
I will not give up the fight.