## **Mystic Mountain**

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legend and tales speak of a mountain so high the clouds have never touched its peak

those who have attempted to climb it vanish never to be seen again

yet its appeal grows stronger alluring, urging more to conquer its peak or disappear trying i was also seized and grew determined to reach its summit

i had no difficulty locating it far beyond the visible horizon in a range strangely familiar its ragged spurs and deadly ravines did not intimidate me

i climbed its summit
with ease and wondered how it gained
its fearsome reputation the clouds from its lofty heights
appeared like gathered sheep
grazing in the plains below
yet i could breathe easy without rasping conquering this mountain
required less effort
than a stroll
by the sea
which made me wonder
all the more

when i finally descended to the plains below previously welcoming and friendly villagers failed to acknowledge my presence after days making futile attempts to be seen and brag of my conquest i realised i no longer existed for the people below

i had no choice but to ascendthe mountain againand attempt to fathom its secret

upon reaching its peak a second time it finally dawned on me that somewhere on its craggy slopes i had lost my life which explains the ease of the climb

after reflecting on all the events
i could remember
i decided to continue my climb
from its peak
i took one step
and entered paradise
where i was greeted
warmly
like a long lost friend

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