

## Climbing Mountains

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climbing mountains is not a sport  
nor is it the desire of an ego-bound  
narcissist that delights in the glory of  
conquest, 'i did it,' where's the camera?  
a wasted endeavour as the real pinnacle  
is missed

climb like a monk enraptured  
in unceasing prayer for the same  
reason ascetics seek solitude - to achieve  
dissolution and union

mountain peaks offer a new  
perspective free from the smothering density  
of the low ground  
the rarefied air is clean and the light intense,  
of what use is dragging a body to the summit  
if not to free the mind enabling it to  
soar above the peaks?

climbing mountains is an art  
that requires skill to master,  
the first step is as important as the last.  
the highest peak cannot be found on any land --  
the mountain that towers above Everest  
is the mountain of shit that exists in the mind  
climb that challenging obstacle with  
its deadly crags, ridges and slopes  
and you would have reached  
the highest peak attainable

## Gazing At Mount Tai

How to describe Tai mountain?  
Its green towers above all of Chi and Lu!  
Here the Creator concentrated divine beauty;  
its north and south sides split dark from dawn.  
Chest pounding, you reach the birthplace of clouds;

bursting eyes fill with birds returning to nest.  
Someday I must climb to the very top,  
look down on all of the little mountains at once.

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