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(Poem)
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RISKS

TO LAUGH IS TO RISK APPEARING THE FOOL.
TO WEEP IS RISK APPEARING SENTIMENTAL.
TO REACH OUT FOR ANOTHER IS TO RISK INVOLVEMENT.
TO EXPOSE FEELINGS IS RISK EXPOSING YOUR TRUE SELF.
TO PLACE YOU IDEAS, YOU DREAMS BEFORE A CROWD IS TO RISK THEIR LOSS.
TO LOVE IS RISK NOT BEING LOVED IN RETURN.
TO LIVE IS TO RISK DYING.
TO HOPE IS TO RISK DESPAIR.
TO TRY IS TO RISK FAILURE.
BUT RISK MUST BE TAKEN, BECAUSE THE GREATEST HAZARD
IN LIFE IS TO RISK NOTHING.
THE PERSON WHO RISKS NOTHING, DOES NOTHING, HAS NOTHING,
IS NOTHING.
THEY MAY AVOID SUFFERING AND SORROW BUT THEY CANNOT
LEARN, CHANGE, GROW, LOVE, AND LIVE.
CHAINED BY THEIR CERTITUDES THEY ARE A SLAVE,
THEY HAVE FORFEITED THEIR FREEDOM.
ONLY A PERSON WHO RISKS IS FREE.