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Given only light and air above treeline,
and discontent with grappling
in the trough of footholds
worn in the rifts behind,

I carefully appraise rocks
this ground's been content
to let lay about
for all the ages before me.

Eying, weighting, balancing,
stone upon stone,
I devise of this flat hard
broken earth an idol

to mark my own way up
the sheer face of the rise
others might some day watch for
in their winding trek

up the time worn peak
on which we all
already giddily teeter,
waiting for ourselves to arrive.

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