

RISK

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental

To reach out for another is to risk Involvement

To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self

To play your ideas, your dreams before the crowd
is to risk their loss

To love is to risk not being loved in return

To live is to risk despair

To hope 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 and is nothing

He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he simply
cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love

Chained by his certitudes, he is a slave

He has forfeited freedom

Only a person who risks -- is free