

OUT ON A LIMB

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*I was told it was dangerous
to go out on a limb.*

*I thought so, too -
until I ventured there, long ago.*

*Out on a limb is a different world.
The beauty of leaves,
the wind,
the place where life
is created out of sunlight.*

*Out on a limb is where
the air we breathe
is cast off from leaves.*

*Out on a limb is where
our waste air is transformed
into the food which sustains all life.*

*Out on a limb are the songs of birds,
the dances of butterflies,
the games of squirrels.*

*To a bird, out on a limb
is a place of rest, of safety.*

*To a monkey, out on a limb
is a highway,
a trapeze, a playground.*

*There is a freedom
out on a limb -
for ground-dwellers fear it.*

*Our vision reaches farther
from out on a limb,
and we see our world
from a new point of view.*

*Going out on a limb
is learning
- that small risks are often necessary
for most worthwhile ends.*