

# Just As the Winged Energy of Delight

Just as the winged energy of delight  
carried you over many chasms early on,  
now rise the daringly imagined arch  
holding up the astounding bridges.

Miracle doesn't lie only in the amazing  
living through and defeat of danger;  
miracles become miracles in the clear  
achievement that is earned.

To work with things is not hubris  
when building the association beyond words;  
denser and denser the pattern becomes--  
becoming carried along is not enough.

Take your well-disciplined strengths  
and stretch them between two  
opposing poles. Because inside human beings  
is where God learns.

Rainer Maria Rilke

-- translated by Robert Bly

-- in *The Rag and Bone Shop of the Heart*

