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In the earthly battle for the keep of paradise, there is
no blood in the
mercy; no escape from the price, vanities and dreams
halo the skull of the
clay, and keep his homeless eyes focused on the myth
of someday.

But when the time has come for the baptism of will,
heÂ's liable to balk
and stall, because a man can fall.

ItÂ's a dark path of meaningless necessity, he looks at
the world as a
mirror that sees what it wants to see, and the sanity of
ebb and orbit
seems lunatic, till the spinning globe of days makes
him feel sober sick.

All the useless work that can break a manÂ's back, is
likely to slow him to
a crawl, because a man can fall.

Under clouds the stars give no direction, just another
false engine primed
for rejection, his blood runs a bitter vintage once his
heart is crushed, his
head just the ringing of silence once his voice is
hushed.

His pilgrimage an exercise in humilityÂ's stoop, and
the idols stand so
tough and tall, but a man can fall.

Inspiration is just the exhaust of his religions bait, a
stuttering desire the
wind and warden of his fate, his swallowed seed yet
spread of kindred and
kin, his wretched heart a debtor to the bank of original
sin.

How like an animal he prowls the face of the deep, and
the angels fly so
high till the world seems so small, but a man cant fly,
because a man can
fall.

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