

Reading Is Dangerous

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Reading is dangerous,
Because you don't know where you'll go,
A thousand leagues under the sea,
Or get trapped in snow.

Books and poems are dangerous,
Because they contain what can be known,
Journeys and adventures that can never end,
Places and things that can always be shown.

While reading we will find questions,
That challenge us at our core,
Reveal our inner evil,
And leave us different than before.

And yet it is the act of reading,
By which we experience each other's lives,
And discover our possible futures,
As good as our best surmise.

So let us read with care,
Because one day we too will be read,
And our journeys will be experienced by others,
While we are considered dead.