

## *Insufficient Knowledge*

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You have to start with insufficient knowledge,  
yes, this, and yes, praise be, then this,  
you have to have that kind of courage.

A breath, a step, a word: it's to your advantage  
to begin. There isn't time to wait for grace—  
you have to start with insufficient knowledge.

Think of the first human to sail over the edge  
of the world, or a base jumper departing an edifice:  
you have to have that kind of courage.

Break your fists, your back, your brain, punch  
yourself an opening. This is all there is:  
you have to start with insufficient knowledge

of the heart, that higher organ, which  
from time to time catches us by surprise  
and we startle with the kind of courage

that will spend it all, not hold back, wage  
everything, al, right away, every time, yes.  
You have to love with insufficient knowledge,  
you have to have that kind of courage.