



Risk and Reward

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach out is to risk involvement.

To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self.

To place your ideas and dreams before the crowd is to risk their love.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To live is to risk dying.

To hope is to risk despair.

To try is to risk failure.

But the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

The one who risks nothing does nothing and has nothing – and finally, is nothing.

He may avoid sufferings and sorrow,

But he simply cannot learn, feel, change, grow, or love.

Chained by certitude, he is a slave;

He has forfeited freedom.

Only one who risks is Free!