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## Queen of the Mountains

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The mountains are so bright, you know? Right here, inside my mind. They are studded with emerald trees and crowded with jasper earth And crowned with crystal snows. They are beautiful though far and I want to build my home up there then I'll become a soft pink jewel to decorate the topaz trail. I dream about their precious points and about their pristine air. A log cabin will do just fine and a sweater to keep me from the chill. I shall climb their thickly wooded slopes and scale their rocky faces. I will live in peace and quiet then, far from the clutter of people, hidden in those lonely places. But I have a quest, a journey now. I'll never see those slopes again. I must travel all around the world and get to know new places. New faces. But when I die and I am buried. I'll live within those mountains Forever Peaceful Dreaming Floating Flying Alas, I will be happy within the jasper earth covered with emerald trees and crowned with crystal snows. At last.

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