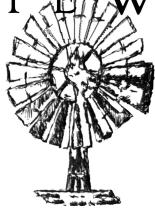


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At North High School,
I first heard Mr. Goodwin
tell the story of Icarus,
and being sixteen, in love
with thoughts of daring,
escape, freedom,
I found Icarus heroic,
an ancient Evil Knieval
following his own star,
consequences be damned.

Time, though, has a way
of shifting ideas like beads
in a kaleidoscope bringing
a different view into focus,
so that now, as I watch
my teenage son fashion
his own Icarus wings
from daring's tallow,
I catch myself gazing up,
praying for rain.

Ann A. Boger

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