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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 praying for rain.

*Ann A. Boger*