

# Snapshot Dhamma

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Shadows fall  
Picked from the skies  
Shadows rise  
Forget me not  
Between, between,  
between

Forget your cares  
Climb the stairs  
There are only four  
To take you to the door Kindness, first, overcomes your thirst  
Love from above.  
Then compassion, for bones, without ration,  
Only takes a second.  
Joy, the third, is next to be heard  
Like light, so bright  
Winning as it fades  
Over peaceful glades  
Calm cloud four,  
As still as stone,  
That is right at the door.



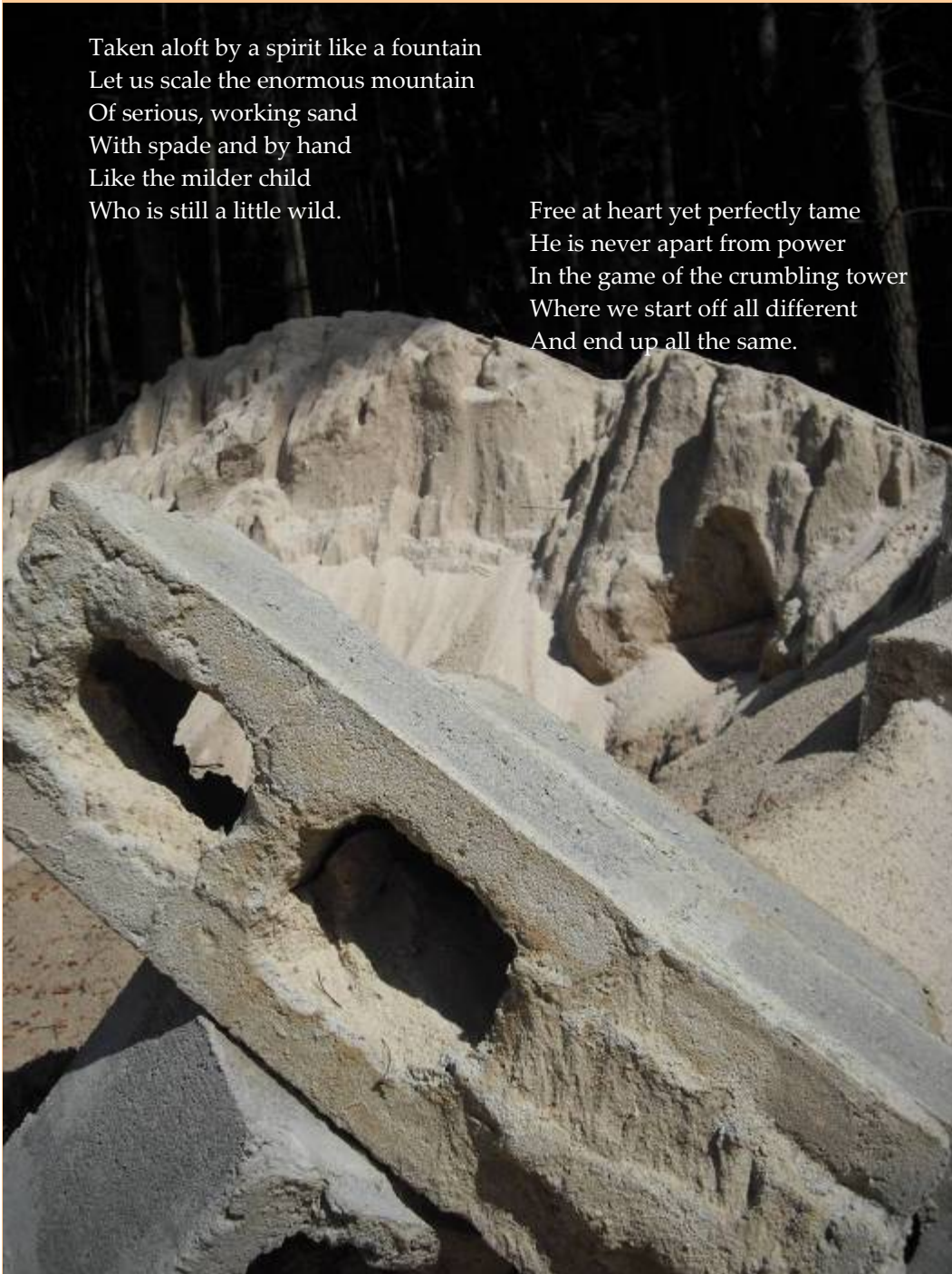


Patience can travel far  
Yet is happy wherever it is.  
Patience can forgive  
Yet need never submit.  
Patience never takes a moment  
It is the giver of time, of space, of love.  
Patience is the most peaceful of conquerors.  
As steady as a mountain  
Yet supple as a sapling.  
In a fleeting world  
Lord of all,  
Is patience

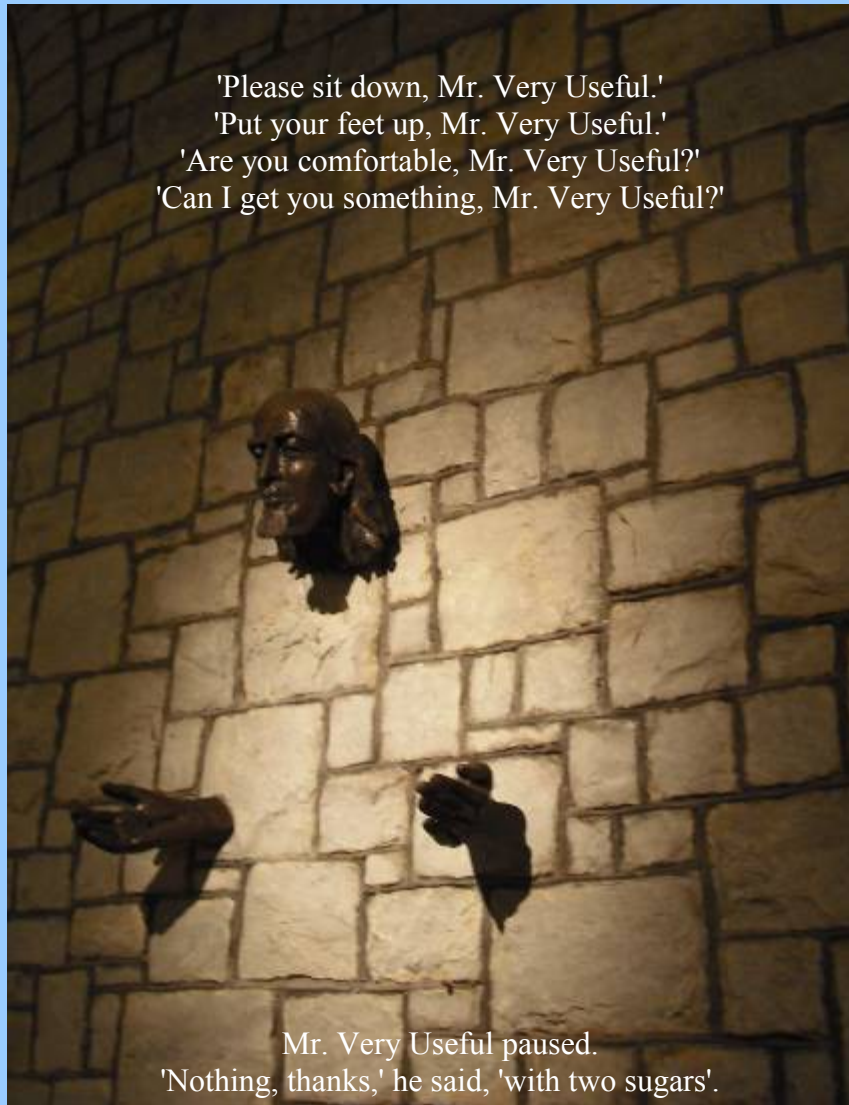


Taken aloft by a spirit like a fountain  
Let us scale the enormous mountain  
Of serious, working sand  
With spade and by hand  
Like the milder child  
Who is still a little wild.

Free at heart yet perfectly tame  
He is never apart from power  
In the game of the crumbling tower  
Where we start off all different  
And end up all the same.



'Please sit down, Mr. Very Useful.'  
'Put your feet up, Mr. Very Useful.'  
'Are you comfortable, Mr. Very Useful?'  
'Can I get you something, Mr. Very Useful?'



Mr. Very Useful paused.  
'Nothing, thanks,' he said, 'with two sugars'.



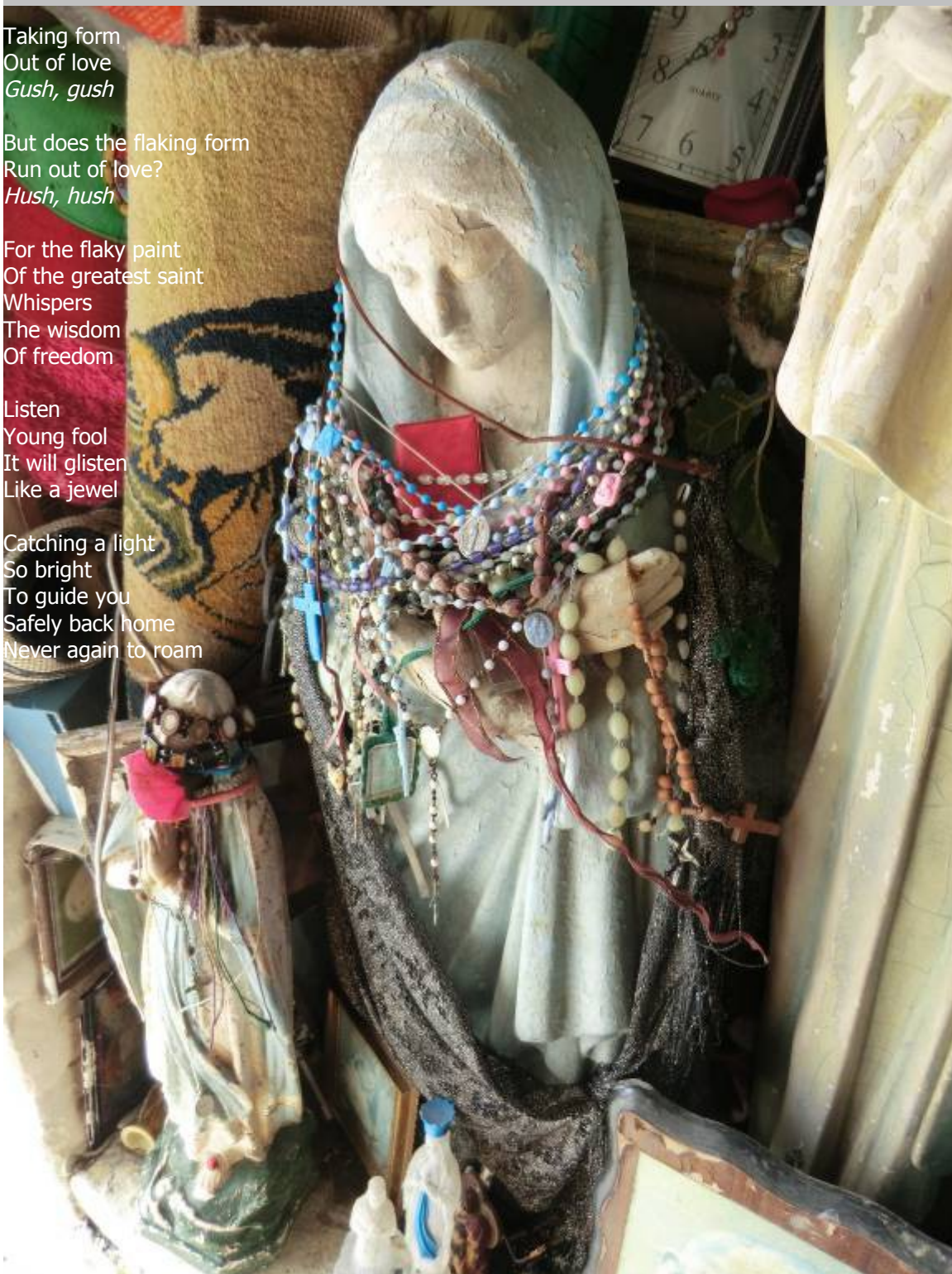
Taking form  
Out of love  
*Gush, gush*

But does the flaking form  
Run out of love?  
*Hush, hush*

For the flaky paint  
Of the greatest saint  
Whispers  
The wisdom  
Of freedom

Listen  
Young fool  
It will glisten  
Like a jewel

Catching a light  
So bright  
To guide you  
Safely back home  
Never again to roam



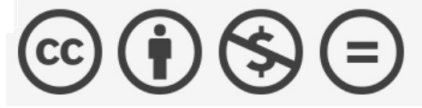
# Dear Mary

'Dear Mary,  
May you live forever,  
Perfectly cast?

With the sky above you,  
Dear Mary,  
May I love you,  
At last?







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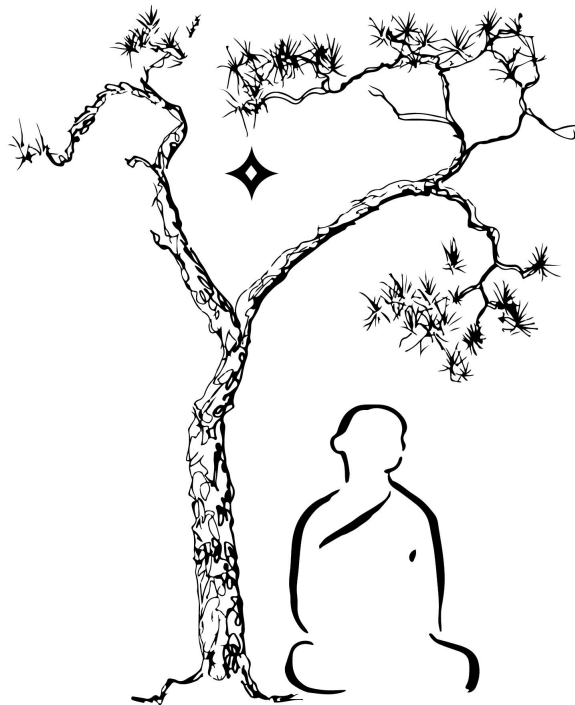
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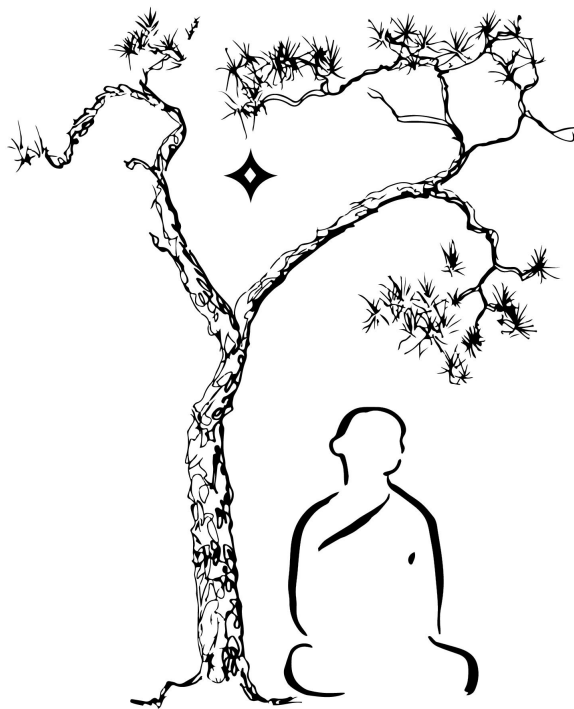
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