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Doubt Denied

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The door to doubt need not be opened wide,
A finger's breadth of space will quite suffice
For numbing winds to silently invade
The lungs and turn the soul to ice.
Nor need the door be opened very long
For that old merchant doubt to hustle through
And sing his mercenary peddler's song:
"Come buy, come buy, hard questions just for you."
Faith reels and totters, grasps at certainties
That can't sustain because faith at its core
Resides in unseen depth of mystery.
But then a shaft of song shoots through the door,
A wren who can't but sing her maker's praise
Has pierced cold doubt and set cold faith ablaze.