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## "Yours Is the Vision"

- by Emory Austin

How swift flows the tide that bears you along  
To the heights  
To the depths  
To the self

How crucial the choices you make day by day  
To wake  
To sleep  
To become

In ways small and great  
You carve, you create  
You choose the divine, the abyss;  
For each choice births patterns  
In the design that you weave –  
Your vision, your albatross, your grail.

When the storms begin  
And the winds blow hard  
You must turn –  
To face . . . or to flee

What is your call?  
Where do you yearn  
What Dragon, Medusa, Delight?

Do you cringe and curse  
At each breaking wave?  
And tremble with fear of the deep...

Or – in the heart of the storm  
Does a still, small voice  
Bring you courage and peace and resolve?

There is salt in the water  
There is salt in the life  
Does it choke?  
Does it burn?  
Does it flavor?

Yours is the vision, the blueprint, the power.  
It's all in the pattern you favor –  
Yours the choice to spew it all out  
Or yours the choice to savor.

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