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## TIMING PATHS

**Utpal Chakraborty**

The paths suspend on the fringes;  
The steps from them hang around;  
These are your creeks and streams;  
You may find some boats to the shore bound;  
But look, always they hang still;  
And you have no time left to kill.

You may feel that you are wise;  
You may swim across you have the will;  
You scramble up you have the fight;  
You may drink poppies to your fill;  
But look, always they hang still;  
And you have no time left to kill.

You may whiz past you have the catapult;  
You may dither you have the ebb tide;  
You may wobble you have the fear;  
But the paths are, if, not vivid and clear.

They are straight and barbed;  
Look, they always hang still;  
And you have no time left to kill.