ICARUS SURVIVED THE FALL
Ralph McTell

Icarus survived the fall he didn't really die
He lived to offer this advice for all of those who try
Flying up to reach the sun when warned they'd come to grief
You live for stolen moments and all time is a thief.

Time will steal your youth away and dreams that fire your soul
It was not pride or vanity that robbed me of my goal
I blame inferior materials when things grew hot
Instead of saying how I blew it look how near I got!

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I'm grateful for this opportunity to put things straight.

Remembering only my fall denies the swallow dives
And forward rolls with twists I made out of that clear blue sky
My near perfect entry into the Aegean sea
Gained nine point nines from every judge except East Germany.

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It is in the perception as to failure and success
Extracting something beautiful out of hopelessness
It all depends on attitude interpreting the facts (but)
Next time I fly with feathered wings I won't use wood and wax.