EXHILARATION

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High,
very high,
is both ecstasy
and euphoria to me,
a peak transformation that is
remotely like any other earthly pleasure.

Up,
way up,
is an intoxicant,
a notch below heaven,
an out of body experience
yielding an uncanny freedom from today.

Far,
ever far,
from stress and
a mountain of bills;
one mile closer to God,
yet dozens from our secular lords.

Quiet,
eerily quiet,
encircled by liberty,
bonds, cannon, owl’s head;
freedom and wisdom are rewards,
unencumbered by restraint or human conflict.

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