The Invocation

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Moving forward \( \dot{\mathbf{=}} \ 90 \)

It is a trek.

stronger, with purpose

We see that now.

A ribbon un-fold-ing,

delicately

\( \dot{\mathbf{=}} \ 80 \) more expansively.

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byways and detours, 
sweet havens and ambushes,

bulrushes 

as if telling a tale

unknown channels 
at a river’s mouth.
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We are tempt-ed, we succumb,

sometimes dangle from the bottom

rung.

All the while

echo-ing the saddest songs we've sung.

We've succumbed, we succumb,
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of fers courage, but who can tell if its lessons

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pull back a bit will be learned.

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And still we ask: Why must happiness be

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earned?

molto rit.

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