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— Dr. R. Samuel Lackey

What was it like
To race the sun?
To gulp the wind?
To dance on the rain?

What was it like
To dodge the storm?
To leap the stream?
To pierce the snow?

Not with machines
Nor the mind alone.
But with the whole self
As the runner of dreams.

Dare we race with the sun
On unmendable legs?
Beyond thinkable thoughts?
Across valleys of pain?

We can, if we reach
The speed of the soul —
Then the hoof does not need
The firm earth every step.

Flying hooves, my friend,
Can climb over space,
Can pivot on air,
Can stride the bright blood. . .

As they open the road,
As they winnow the wind,
Striking fire from the dust
In their thunderous, trembling
Race for the sun.

