

## Ladders

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Though beckoning me  
I no longer go  
Now much older  
Sadly, I know

Time was wasted  
Pursuing ladders  
I have been bitten  
Such painful adders

Many reach them  
However, few can climb  
For what it takes  
Is life and time

The devious, the tricky, the askew  
They learn the rungs  
But just those alone  
With sideways tongues