

“It’s better to know in advance that we are going to fail.” (from *101 Experiments in the Philosophy of Everyday Life*)

I want to quote a letter:

This is an older, radial engine biplane with top wing set forward off the bottom wing. His descent to land was at about a 45-degree angle. He wasn’t just crabbing the plane, he was turning it pretty much sideways, reversing from left to right so the plane looked like a falling leaf.

I want to quote the sky:

Progress can be summed up in noticing birds.

I want to quote my for-certain failures:

I might fall asleep at the wrong time, the wrong time, do you hear me?, when I am supposed to be awake, shaking the trunk of a Japanese maple so leaves like feathers fall like rain. I surrender to solutions because willpower only takes me so far.

I want to quote water:

There is a glass cup on the window ledge off the kitchen. It’s been there since you were born. It collects what my hands can’t hold, what I try to forgive while sleeping.