

# OUT ON A LIMB

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*I was told it was dangerous  
to go out on a limb.*

*I thought so, too -  
until I ventured there, long ago.*

*Out on a limb is a different world.  
The beauty of leaves,  
the wind,  
the place where life  
is created out of sunlight.*

*Out on a limb is where  
the air we breathe  
is cast off from leaves.*

*Out on a limb is where  
our waste air is transformed  
into the food which sustains all life.*

*Out on a limb are the songs of birds,  
the dances of butterflies,  
the games of squirrels.*

*To a bird, out on a limb  
is a place of rest, of safety.*

*To a monkey, out on a limb  
is a highway,  
a trapeze, a playground.*

*There is a freedom  
out on a limb -  
for ground-dwellers fear it.*

*Our vision reaches farther  
from out on a limb,  
and we see our world  
from a new point of view.*

*Going out on a limb  
is learning  
- that small risks are often necessary  
for most worthwhile ends.*