

# Peradam

Patti Smith

I would not speak of the mountain  
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Its summit must be inaccessible  
But its base accessible  
But its base accessible to human beings as nature has made them  
It must be unique  
And it must exist geographically  
The gateway to the invisible must be visible  
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The peradam  
Translucent as the belly of an insect  
Harder than diamond  
We will find it, Adam's stone  
We will fill our sects with nothing  
Turn it this way and we will climb  
It disappears, we will climb  
Yet not move a single muscle  
For that mountain exists  
In the mind of humankind

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I would not sp-  
I would not speak, s-

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I was leaving with a group of friends  
To seek the mountain  
Which is the path joining earth and sky  
It must exist somewhere on our planet  
And it must be the dwelling of a superior humanity  
Just as a drop of mercury by its surface tension  
Remains impenetrable to the finger that tries its center (touch it, touch it  
, touch it, touch it)  
(Come on)

We have reached the unknown continent  
It is the continent of our desire  
A beautiful problem  
For the unknown mathematician  
One, two, three, five  
And all the philosophers, nine  
Dance

I am the mountain  
You are the wind  
I am the mountain  
You are gravity  
Let it go  
Let it go  
I am the cock  
Growing in the milk of dawn

Drink it  
Drink, drink  
Drink, first muscle  
Incline, let it go  
Let it go  
Let it go  
Let it go

Climb  
Climb  
Climb  
Climb (come on, children)  
Climb (climb)  
Climb (climb)  
Climb (climb)  
Climb  
Climb  
Climb  
Climb  
Your mind

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Adam Stone  
Turn it