

To Risk

To laugh is to risk appearing a fool
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental
To reach out for another is to risk involvement
To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self
To place your ideas and your dreams before your peers
is
to risk their loss

To love is to risk not being loved in return
To live is to risk dying
To try is to risk failure

But the risks must be taken because
the great risk in life
is to risk nothing.

The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has
nothing, is nothing

They may avoid suffering and sorrow, but they cannot
learn, feel, change, grow, love, or live
Chained by their attitudes, they are like slaves,
for they have forfeited their freedom

Only a person who risks is free!

