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a modern day shaman
cutting to the quik of our culture's most primal fear,
a shape shifter in clear view
with visions of a new story for the human,
death as much a part of life as breath -
a window to our souls
the human taking its place in the web,
coevolution with compassion

We choose the sliverangle to hone in on
getting to know limits and boundaries,
 and as we do they vaporize into a broader vista
each one shimmering more than the former
while understanding with Annie Dillard
our lives are but a faint tracing upon the surface of mystery
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 and with that
to begin living from deep truths embedded in the principles of life's emergence
and complexity unfolding
 embedded in the molecular moments of creation
 fusing, flowing, fracturing, shearing,
 shrinking, spinning, stressing
 grasping, bending, breaking
embedded simply in the ways of the natural world
it is truly of what we are
 of where we come from
 and where we pass thru and to -
no less than this

All things come and pass in flashes
of creative brilliance and dark sickness,
our choice is which sliverniche
from the top grain smooth wood surface mystery of life
to probe, whittle or sand until we see things for what they are
or might be,
 beyond infancy
we make of it what we can
 what we hope, fear, feel
shaking the ever appearing boredom upside down
till the allurements of the primordial
 crystallize
and we sense with all senses
nothing truly is itself without everything else

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