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A Walk-up to West Hilltop for Sunrise

Up and ahead
I walk in the dark along the hill trails
to find the amazing moment of sunrise
in a clear winter morning.

Stars are twinkling above the sky
city lights are flickering in quiet
I walk up step by step with care to meet
the first sunray fresh and shy.

Solitary am I as usual
sometimes hidden in the bushes
walking and meditating,
or for a while standing on a lookout terrace
to have a look back at pathway
left behind.

The east horizon is brightened
in a slow and peaceful way
like a huge orange stripe
with growing and widening edges.

Finally
I stand by the hilltop pavilion
as the earliest visitor for the morning
awaiting the sun to show up.

Dark and blue sky gives way to
warm and golden hue over the sky
as city lights are dimmed by
looming sunlight.

Morning hikers are hastening steps to tops
to look across the city at the east horizon
brightened by an artist's palette in rich colors.
The shy sun inches its way upwards in quiet,
giving lights warm and soft
reaching far and wide.

The hills and rocks are warmed and
the wooden carvings over pavilion roof
are illuminated by sunray
the red ribbons for best wishes are chirping in winds.

The thin mists are drifting away
as sunlight builds up in strength
blazing fervidly over the valleys wide
and quiet city ahead.



A pine in solitude greets the rising sun and its warm light
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