

# Walking on the High Wire

Each step I take,  
I shiver and shake.  
My knees begin to quake.  
No tiny slip can I make.

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Slowly forward I go.  
I hear cheers from below.  
With each tiny step I know,  
I will be the star of the show.

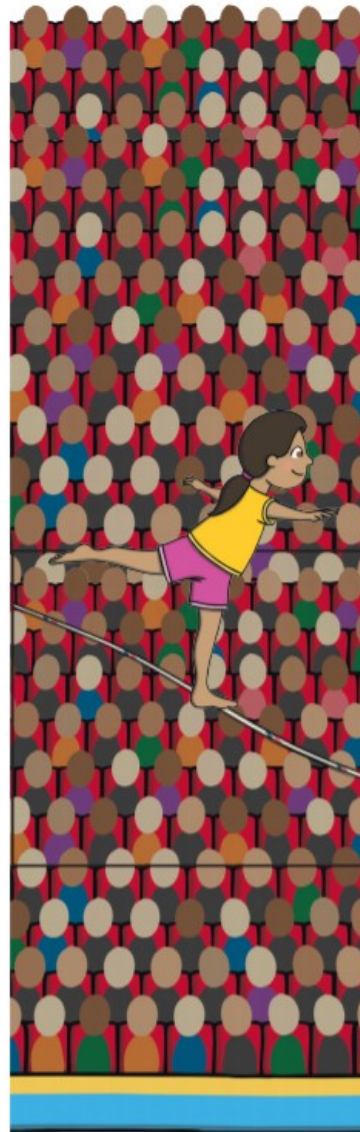
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My heart beats fast.  
How long can this last?  
A few more steps go past.  
I feel the hopes of the cast.

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I am not sure how  
But I've made it now.  
Wiping sweat from my brow,  
I take a satisfied bow.

Walking on the high wire...  
Tomorrow could be ever higher.



1. What does the performer do when she reaches the end of the wire?

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2. **My knees begin to quake.**  
What does the word **quake** mean?

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3. How does the high wire performer feel as she walks along the wire?

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4. How do you think the poet will feel tomorrow?

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