

Aerials of Consolidation

By **Ronald Webster**

(In Memory of Robert Lax – 1915-2000)

O gentle knight of the unicycle,
friend of the leaping carp and flounder,
those masters
of the rolled wheel

taking to the air of fish
and the deep water swim
of the fishermen who fished the Sea
of Galilee, flayed by pure leaps

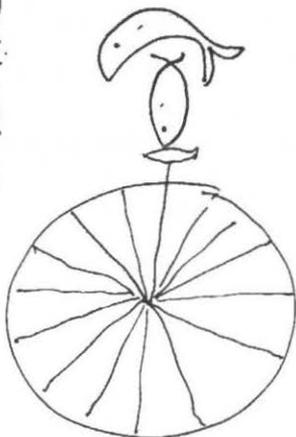
of joy and innocence and the alleviations
after all life's ordinary ennui,
sing now the fair play of acrobats
sailing high

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our earth's tight wires,
tasting blue sky, tasting blue sky
holding to the center
of Saint John the Evangelist

on Patmos Island
and the full-voice choir without end,
the shalom of your home
in the new Jerusalem.

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Drawing by Robert Lax from a
1993 letter to Ronald Webster



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