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**If You Fly Today**  
(for Kinnikinnick)

If you fly today,  
dress warmly  
snow on the ground here  
and ice everywhere  
means it's even colder  
up there  
in the air.

Wear goggles  
my advice  
if air freezes  
fluid around your eyes  
you may find it difficult  
to land safely

Do be particularly careful  
and watch  
for low-flying aircraft.  
Pilots may not see  
something  
they don't expect to see,  
a flying human  
unencumbered  
by any form  
of machinery  
except perhaps  
goggles  
maybe a belt.

And if you think  
other humans  
have seen you,  
fly low  
fly away fast

They probably won't  
see you  
Won't be many out  
in this cold weather

Probably they  
only look down  
at the road  
in front of them  
through windshields.

This just occurred to me  
If you're going to fly today,  
may I go too?

It will only take me a moment  
to suit up for it  
and if  
we stay close to each other  
we can catch up  
on conversations  
we often meant to hold  
but didn't find time.

If our hands get too cold  
up there  
in the cold air  
we can fly close  
to each other  
and hold hands  
in cold air  
when sun shines  
from above  
our mountain.