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Hazards and Perils

every waking moment
 is a risk,
the possibilities are
 endless:
walking along innocently
 you could trip
and fall into the cruel
 hands of concrete,
or step on something soft
 and sticky
requiring you to buy new
 shoes;
even staying home might be
 shaky
for the accident prone on
 a ladder painting or
changing a light bulb in
 the dark.

to be safe you can keep
 your fingers crossed,
say your prayers under every
 breath,
sound the alarm when danger
 lowers the percentage
from possibility to probability,
 but one day the boom
Will be lowered and you will be
 safely dead and buried
beyond accident and misfortune.

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