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Mediaeval corridors rose high
Deep shadowed by lofty walls
Mystery and authority the supports
That arched that vaulting
Begun far below upon the profound floor
Where a man or wondering child stood
Calm beneath mystery and authority.

It is wondered if man's loss
Of consciousness of God
Of his smallness deep within
Of the dust of dead mediaeval days
Wondered if this has to do with
Rampant fears of high soaring places
Has to do with the reaction
From a serene smallness.

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