

Excerpt from *Dance / Life*

“ ... the short obstacle-filled life of the dancer is for the stalwart, the brave, and the hungry. It is for those who have a great need to express through their individuality what is known and the courage to face what is hidden. It is for those who are able to say in their own work, or through the choreography of others, what one might never be able to speak with words. A dancer's life is for risk-takers, for those tightrope walkers who dare to cross a chasm on a thin rope, carrying a lit candle in each hand.

Skill is needed to balance, but courage, faith, and desire are the qualities needed to step out onto the rope in the first place.