

## *The Peak*

vs.

## *The Pit*

As we embark  
upon an enterprise,  
we aspire  
towards the peak,  
but so often  
get stuck  
in the pit.

The peak  
is bright and shiny;  
the pit  
is dark and gloomy.

The peak  
is exhilarating;  
the pit  
is enervating.

The peak  
beckons us;  
the pit  
buries us.

But,  
even if we fail  
to reach the peak,  
it is possible  
to be lifted  
out of the pit.

For,  
faith is about  
seeing the peak;  
hope looks to emerge  
from the pit;  
love finds  
help and companionship  
on the way.

We are tempted  
to head for the peak  
alone;  
and so,  
we pay the price  
of solitary confinement  
in the pit.

By being a member  
of a team  
your chance of  
reaching the peak  
increases,  
while the likelihood  
of sliding into the pit  
diminishes.

For the believer  
union with God  
is the peak;  
estrangement from Him  
is the pit;  
church and parish  
are the team.

Living life, therefore,  
should not be a  
lonely journey;  
within a caring community  
you avoid the pitfalls,  
as you climb towards  
the peak experience.

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