

ON THE EDGE

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Carpe Diem

Tick-tock-tick-tock
Is that the ticking of the clock?
But see how it is getting far too late.
Too late to start?
I must have heard the ticking of my heart.

Affair

You are the icing
on my home-made cherry cake.
And the stiff white frothy cream
stands up in peaks and
has been carefully beaten
by hand, not any of that
packet stuff.
On top, there are a myriad decorations
and swirls and words
in many different languages and colours.
And I can't get enough
of it ; and yet I am aware
that if I keep eating it
it will be gone
and so is irreplaceable.
So I cannot bear
to eat the last slice
and be left with the crumbs
going stale.