



Cave Painting

There is a menu on the wall
like none you've ever seen before.

To read it, you'll need a hard
hat and a stomach for the dark.

Long ago they came with flame,
burning the shadows to hide

where they knew for a brief
time they would be safe

from the hunting party
and the hungry pack.

Safe enough to laugh,
safe enough to sing,
safe enough to sleep.

Here, on a day like this,
a hand like yours dipped

pigment on a finger-end
and drew the first world ever imagined!

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