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Watch Your Step

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Accidents will happen:
the words skid and spin
on the oil spill of events,
slipping towards the
inevitable cliff-edge,
weave around rucked edges
of shrugging cold indifference
and carelessness,
or, recommending you not
to take it personally,
the random rearrangement of cells
and chromosomes:
so unlucky, freak occurrence
one in a million chance,
though not to the
chosen one

weary of watching your step
gazing up at blue sky and clearing cloud
that's when it happens,
a perfect recipe for
an accident
stepping out of line
daring to wade the water
without knowing
the depth
of the gaping hole beneath