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Longevity

Time is the ladder of all

A spine rises
Arms celebrate life
Engaging others for legacy

DNA blending
into younger parts
Growing idea factories
and longer lives

Climb with the world
Spirit goes on

Time is the ladder of all

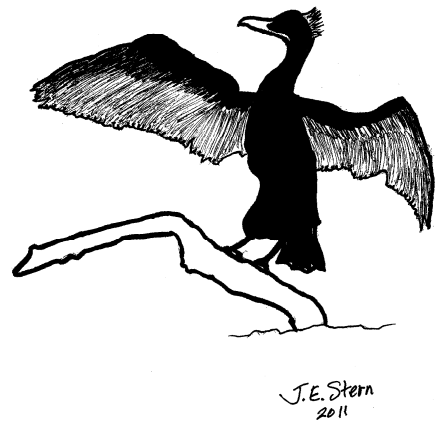
ASHLEY BALDON

Your simple wish
That she may live-
long and well
Your confidante,
your friend,
By the boldness of the strokes
of the brush
I feel the earnestness of your wish
A gift of the Empress-
A wish of a woman
for a friend, a blessing
For a princess, an honor
The world will see your favor
The ink will show your desire

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longevity signs
broad ebon-feathered brush strokes
stretching healthy wings
like courageous cormorants
catching leisurely breezes