

# HIGH FLIGHT



# OH! I HAVE SLIPPED THE SURLY BONDS OF EARTH

and danced the skies  
on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue,  
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark or even eagle flew -  
And while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand and touched

# THE FACE OF GOD

High Flight by Pilot Officer Gillespie Magee Junior  
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