

## MISSING LINK: UNG

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Somewhere in mountains well beyond the sea,  
there lives a chimp with wings, our ancestor;  
a creature who prefers her life in trees  
to ours of erudition far from fur.

Our genes which dream of flight we get from Ung,  
a creature lost to science and to time;  
whenever we float softly toward the sun  
our wings are feathered by Ung's old design.

Her tragedy is others' ignorance,  
since no-one's heard of Ung or thinks her real;  
and no-one likes to credit flight instincts  
to winged-ape ancestors who've disappeared.

Yet in the midst of all our bustle, strife,  
let's take note of this pioneer of life.

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