

On Bicycling

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I love riding my bike. For me, it's the next best thing to flying. I am free, I am fast, I can go anywhere. My bicycle represents my independence – from home, from my parents, from public transportation.

There is a hill I go down occasionally, slightly curved and quite steep. The first time I stood before the precipice, I was scared. I didn't want to lose control. Now my favorite part is feeling forces pulling at me, while I withstand them.

I'm in control.