Cautionary Tale
after Edith Hamilton's *Mythology*

tell this story more than a hundred years after

show him exclamatory.
show
how he could escape
convinced Da d helped.
Icarus proof:

the air and sky are free.
Icarus over the sea
might the glue wings show
what elders disregard he flew lightly without effort away.
the delight new He soared and

he fell

safely to Sicily where
he aged determined

that he could
finally,
out at the other end, run clear through.
Only Da d would think
he refused

Cautionary Tale
after Ovid's *Metamorphosis*

Da d ,

the sky is surely open
but do not rule the heavens
and alter the natural order of things
begin small
grow like
lengthening reeds.

I
laugh at
the passing breeze, and soften
marvellous work.

Let me warn you,

ageing man:
never

believe to be god,

abandon desire for the heavens,
soar fragrant and

fail losing your
name in the dark blue sea as
father.

shout Icarus, Icarus !
should I care ? call again.
The sight of waves curse invention

Da d,

You re oblivious to your son

Cautionary Tale
after Terry Breverton's *Phantasmagoria*

Icarus under

the sun too close
too close
the sea

strip s Icarus over

and

over