

Courage

Courage is less subtle than modesty
Less clean than perfection
Less fearful than submission
Less intelligent than common sense

Courage is louder than silence
Much louder than nature's roar
Louder than wars
But more silent than madness

It is grander than wealth
Grander than weakness
And grander than time

Courage is more foolish than strategy
More foolish than reason
More foolish than cowardice
But it is less foolish than nihilism

—Daniel Schirtzinger