

Prospective Immigrants Please Note

Either you will
go through this door
or you will not go through.

If you go through
there is always the risk
of remembering your essence.

Things look at you twice as questionably,
you must meet the inquiry
and let your light unfold.

If you do not go through
it *is* possible
to live worthily,

to maintain your attitudes,
to hold your position,
to die bravely,

but much will blind you,
much will evade you,
at what cost, who knows?

The door itself makes no promises.
It is only a door.

- *Adrienne Rich*