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and those heavy heights of
*Mississippi Queen*²

² by Mountain

Notes

biblical deluge -
before geologic concepts

volcanic, fold and block -
three main types of mountain

flexure of the lithosphere -
to do with bending under a force (as in
mountain formation) but also a lovely,
lyrical phrase...

mountainnous -
a pun on the preceding 'mountainous'

arête -
a narrow ridge of rock (as in a mountain)
that separates two valleys

thrust tectonics -
to do with the formation of structures
(mountains) with shortening and
thickening

*elevation/volume/relief/steepness/spacing
/continuity* -
criteria for defining a mountain

death zone -
altitudes above a certain point where the
pressure of oxygen is insufficient to

sustain human life for an extended period
of time

crustal shortening -
in mountain belts, terrains have been
elevated as a result of crustal
shortening by the thrusting of one block
or slice of crust over another, and/or by
the folding of layers of rock

orogeny -
mountain building process

collisional orogens -
one continental block beneath another

mountain metamorphism -
changes/transformations in the rock of
mountains caused by the pressure of their
making, as in *schist*, a metamorphic rock

subduction -
this occurs when an oceanic plate runs
into a continental plate and slides
beneath it

mountain/river/valley -
from the Marvin Gaye/Tammy Terrel song
Ain't No Mountain High Enough: 'Cause,
baby, there ain't no mountain high
enough/Ain't no valley low enough/Ain't
no river wide enough/To keep me from
getting to you, babe'

slumping/mass wasting/erosion -
once mountain building ceases, they are
slowly leveled through these

Mississippi Queen -
1970 song from heavy/hard rock band
Mountain and their album *Climbing!*

(with acknowledgement of and thanks to
Wikipedia as an information and details
source about mountains)

What is a mountain?

Concrete and TextArt poems explore the
highs and lows.

'What is a mountain? Set out now.

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Where is the mountain? Set out now.'

~ Edwin Morgan (from *A Little
Catechism from the Demon*)