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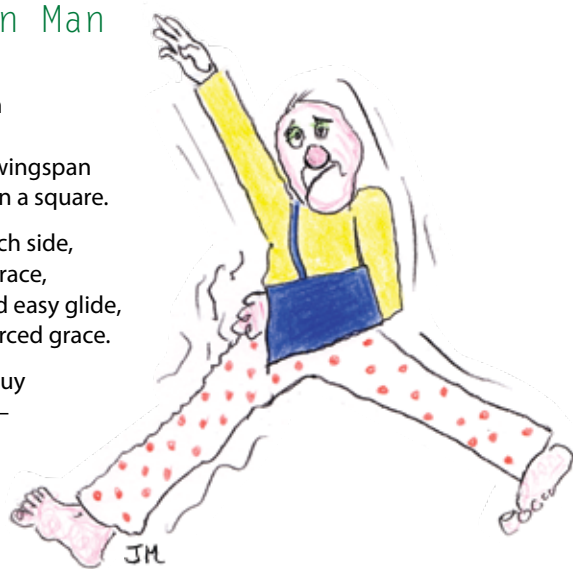
## Not Vitruvian Man

da Vinci sketched his man  
with arms and legs flared  
in perfect symmetry, his wingspan  
a stretched circle, boxed in a square.

Bilaterally mirrored on each side,  
paired muscles flex and brace,  
propelling movement and easy glide,  
upright posture and unforced grace.

Hah! Leonardo's perfect guy  
doesn't have it so rough—  
he wouldn't fly so high  
with a torn rotator cuff!

No fun getting older;  
can't do a thing  
with a bum shoulder  
and the wing in a sling.



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