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### **The Integers Are Not a Happy Medium**

When I arrive

you are already there

waiting

a shadow swiftly fleets across your brow

*The integers are not a happy medium*

you say by way of greeting

*They fly which way*

*scatter without restraint*

*fritter through fingers faster*

*than one can count the gains*

*And you are late again*

### **Forward to the Beginning**

The difference between  
a polyp and a tumor  
is like the difference  
between a polynomial  
and a continuous function

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How did I get from there to here  
when all my relatives  
gathering their brood around them  
parted the tents' flaps  
and looking up  
toward the mountain top  
saw Moses' face  
beam down  
from  
above

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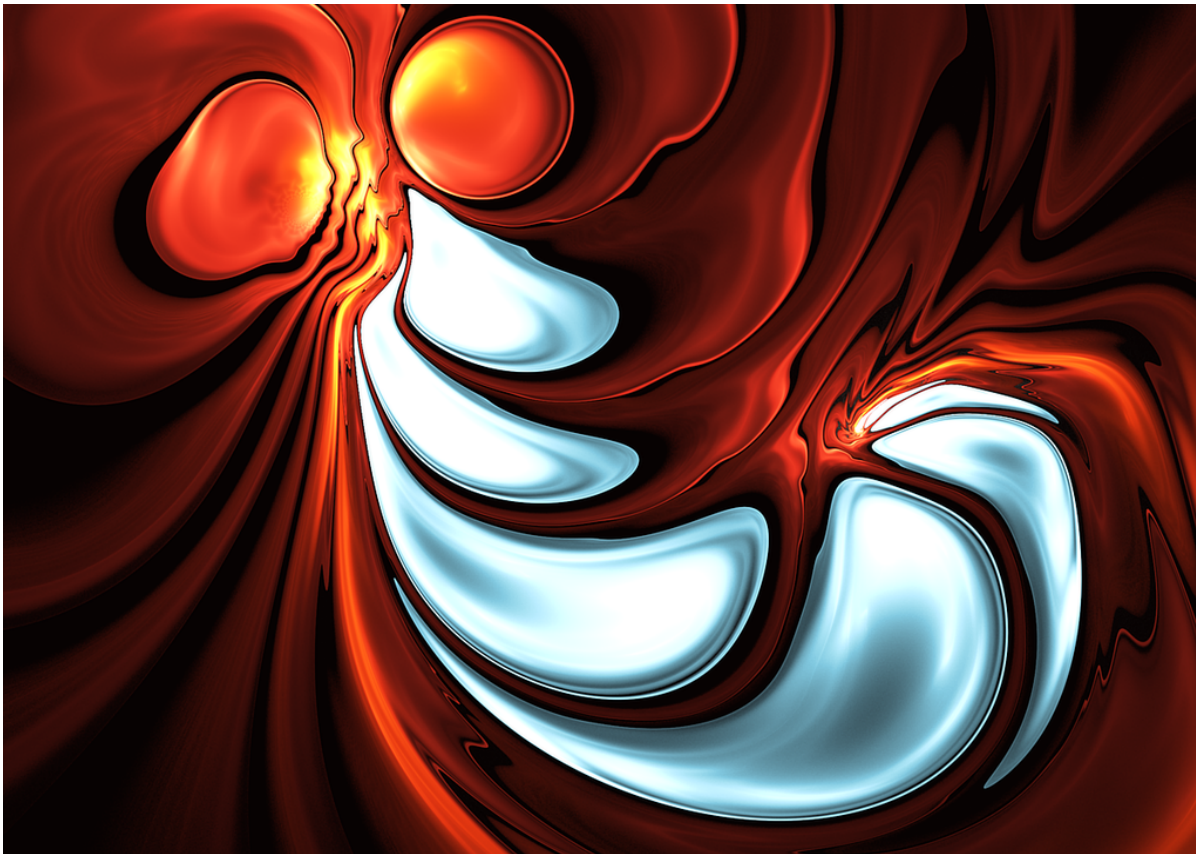
Cotton-mouth do not bite  
the apple was sour

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I do not want to be a rib

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