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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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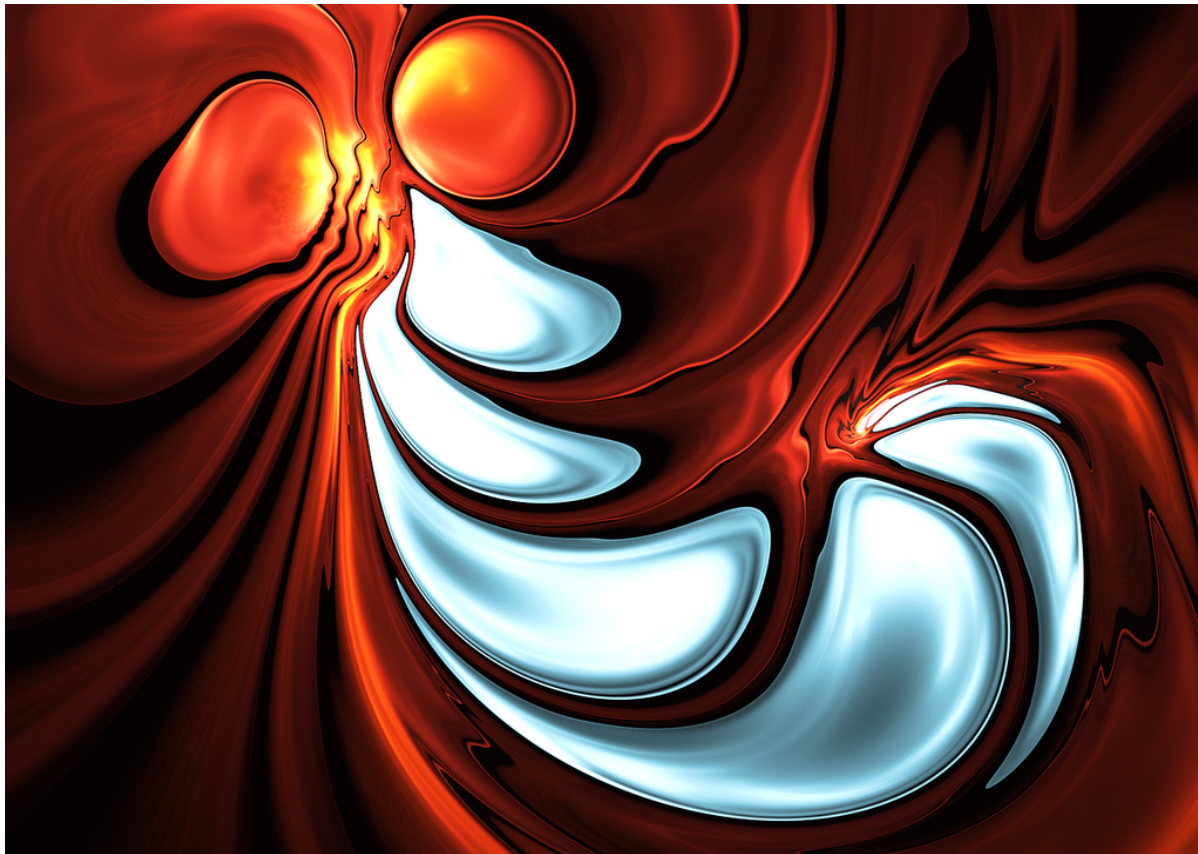
Cotton-mouth do not bite
the apple was sour

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I do not want to be a rib

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