

Ministry of angles

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You who more than once
spelled angle when meaning angel,
are now one—
maybe both.
A sharp line on white paper
driving hard
and fast
in another space
whose numbers
I do not know.

Yet
In the arithmetic
of our individual journeys,
let us incline,
My dearest angle,
toward that vertex
that despite our variants
we bend,
infinite together,
while the angels do the math.

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