Ritual

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If a man has a dream and the dream is from God and the man writes a play based on the dream, the God, and other things he believes to be Godly

If a man has an experience one might classify as transcendent and the man tries to put that wordless vision into words and practices

If God shows a man everything and says tell everyone

If a girl feels angels breathing on her forehead but opens her eyes while praying

If a boy in the woods loves what is divine and cannot find a way to divinity by established means

If the poetry surrounding the event begins to be read as a series of proofs

If one tries to balance skin on a dividing thing, a divider—like a knife—