

## Givens

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The score folds  
leaves to an even edge;

Aqueduct's parking lot  
is water, the treeline

a shore. Faith is humble  
assumption & trust.  
Trust is measure, distance,

extension, & collapse; that is, how

far is far away, how  
close is close?

All clatter distracts, all  
trappings distract,

all distractions  
collapse, all contractions  
collide, all diversions contract

& so collide.

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