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## Real Numbers, Math Lives

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from Maria do Carmo Gaspar De Oliveira (Brazil):

### **DISCOVERERS**

Portuguese discovered Brazil  
Already discovered by Indians

from Victor Chnagnone (China):

### **ENEMY**

Fails  
When we succeed

from Richard Cheevers (England):

### **URBAN JUNGLE**

On a London street  
Zebra crossing

from Anand Rose (India):

### **WISE**

When you know  
you don't know the answer

from John Grey (USA):

### **MAD WORLD**

you'd be crazy  
to be sane

## **Real Numbers, Math Lives**

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It was so true the cone did age  
Ten-fifteen billion  
It is so true the earthly age  
Four and a half billion.

It is yet true my only age  
The forties  
My end, it will surely come  
The eighties-nineties.

Nature, her organic-inorganic wonderings  
In the wings, on cue  
Appear, disappear  
On a temporary reflector revolving.

See trembling aspen leaves, a grouse  
Alluring nest on the ground hatches  
In twenty-one days the fledglings drowse  
From on high the goshawk watches.

See this year the drumming grouse  
Their numbers few, heard scarcely  
The goshawk lays eggs only two  
Instead of four when prey a plenty.

See cold Arctic the hunting lynx  
Pursues the snowshow hare, a meal  
See as sunlight the flowerings control  
So hare fleets the lynx withhold.

The numbers when genius Jason dawned  
Bursting forth at nine and two  
See poor Jimmy come faster born  
Came four weeks with raw limbs too.

Earth a scientific developer  
Counts hours, days, seconds too  
Releasing light darkness covers  
In revolutions and leap years new.

Can we figures, give up forget?  
Can we cycles, senses insensate?  
Do we deny light-matter nets  
Food webs, equilibria, numbers-kind?

Thus the dispersing universal cone  
A developing matrix electromagnetic  
Her offspring, her coordinates dynamic  
Show moving graphs, patterns, bones.

Thus do light packets, photons  
Imprisoned energy, nucleons  
In seconds, minutes exposed  
Produce on matter-film sequential codons  
Alluring pictures, images  
The living kind!