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Love is no mean thing, 
being a summation of discreet delights 
whose convexity inflects towards the good 
found in one another. 
The Lesser Apes had figured 
what the area under their curves can do, 
but Our Love functions to integrate 
individuals into family, and families into society. 
One property of any logarithm, especially a natural one, 
is its ever-ascending slope which, 
steep at first, with patience and perseverance, 
by pleasure and through reverence, 
the climb becomes easier in time - 
yet it always reaches higher because a lover 
hasn’t quite won-over something unbounded 
in his better half. 
Besides the exponential, Love has geometric potential, 
making possible such manifold shapes as hearth 
and happiness when two lives rotate around 
dimensions like felicity and hope. 
With an order of operations more mythos than mathematica, 
I’m not sure marriage is the irrational over the imaginary, 
but I know it isn’t, strictly speaking, proper, 
being that its quotient is greater than one, 
and the remainder of us is love.

†For Sam and Kelsey Melton for their wedding
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