

Journal of Humanistic Mathematics

Volume 2 | Issue 2

July 2012

Time

Florin Diacu
University of Victoria

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarship.claremont.edu/jhm>

Recommended Citation

Diacu, F. "Time," *Journal of Humanistic Mathematics*, Volume 2 Issue 2 (July 2012), pages 151-. DOI: 10.5642/jhummath.201202.13 . Available at: <https://scholarship.claremont.edu/jhm/vol2/iss2/13>

©2012 by the authors. This work is licensed under a Creative Commons License.

JHM is an open access bi-annual journal sponsored by the Claremont Center for the Mathematical Sciences and published by the Claremont Colleges Library | ISSN 2159-8118 | <http://scholarship.claremont.edu/jhm/>

The editorial staff of JHM works hard to make sure the scholarship disseminated in JHM is accurate and upholds professional ethical guidelines. However the views and opinions expressed in each published manuscript belong exclusively to the individual contributor(s). The publisher and the editors do not endorse or accept responsibility for them. See <https://scholarship.claremont.edu/jhm/policies.html> for more information.

Time

Florin Diacu

Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C. Canada
diacu@uvic.ca

Time drifts on the sea of illusions.

Newton's image of it was a line,
unbounded and straight, like desire.
Einstein called it dimension four:
the lasting partner of space.

For some of us time is money,
the scent of the morning
or the taste of the sea.
It buds love or failure,
extinction or bliss.

We stretch time in childhood,
squeeze it when old,
hark to its flap
and sniff at its trace.

But we cannot reverse it
because time is
the shadow of change.

June-July 2010