Robin Chapman: Poem [1]

May 2, 2016 Math Poetry [2]

Stepping out of the meeting,
our spinning energy of a week's workshop

slowing, I watch the white breath of the snow
lift into mist, erase the mountains

the sound of a train threads the clouds,
bearing logs or oil out of hearing

all week we have been listening to the echoes
of numbers, one hundred ways to prove cubic roots

tucking laser-cut spirals into globes
imagining hypercubes

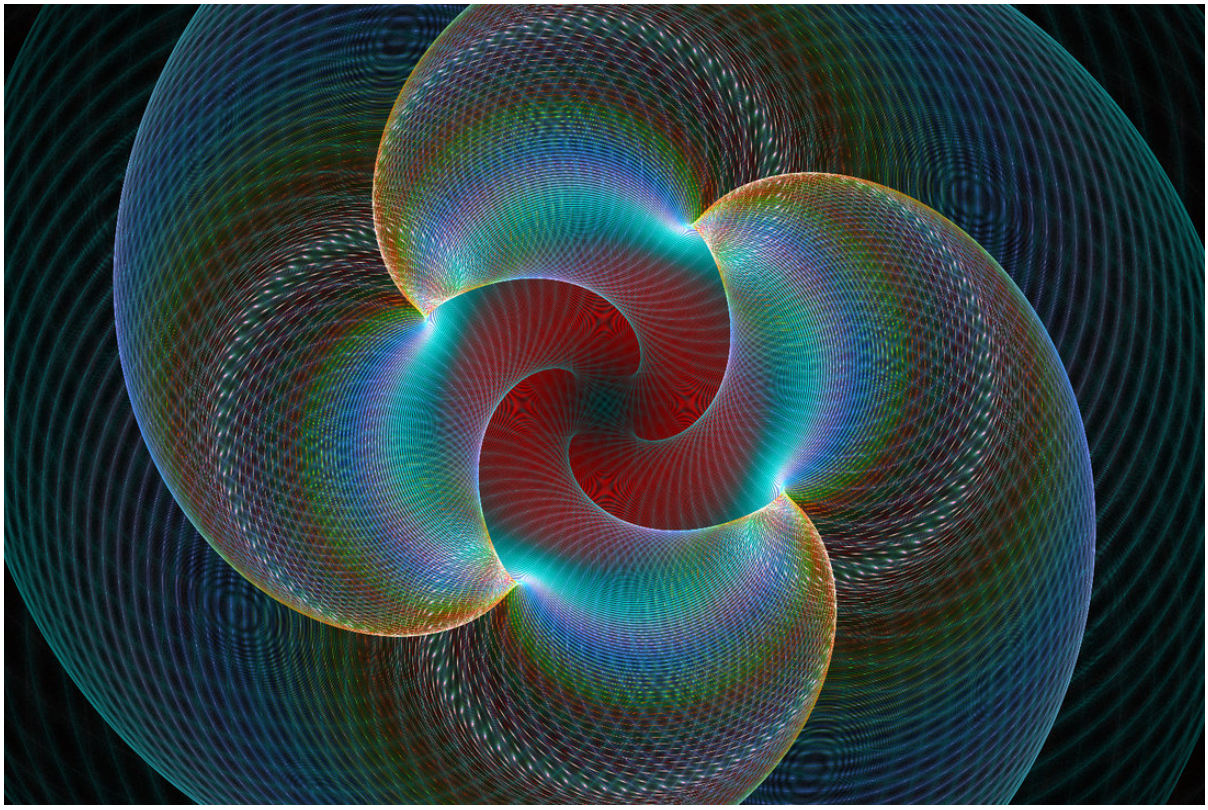
assembled by pairs, parenthetically
reminded that every opening must have its closing

computed the relative risk
of being the victim of a mass shooting

or catastrophe in an old pine forest
the dynamics of a heart attack

the mist that rises becomes the cloud descending
sometimes we forget the mountains

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