

O (poem)

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“A way that is laid out, is not the way.”

-Tao Te Ching

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life is a journey
fraught with peril
the way is never clear
naive faith
and sarcastic doubt
circle aimlessly
resolving nothing
pay attention
your time is short
the way long
there are people watching television
while the house is on fire

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