

Fractional

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Between zero and one
fall values of infinite number

never greater than one
nor less than zero

proving the mind capable
of infinitesimal distinctions

though it likes them
integral and easy—

nothing or something, off or on,
no or yes, black or white.

Fine gradations of the fractional
fissure the eggshell whole we crave

and render the smooth
ragged and complex.

