What We Know but Can't Describe

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We know the really big and ever
expanding things: Love. Beauty.
Art. Wisdom. Justice. Mercy.
We know them just enough
to recognize them when we find them.

But, pressed to define each one,
we fail. Have ever failed.
But, we try again each day as if
our lives depend upon our knowing
them. Which, of course, they do.

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