

# Irrational Obligations

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*In honor of National Pi Day*

Any excuse for a circle,  
a way to pinch the day.

They are calling it  
something like a celebration

only with bigger words  
and too many numbers to count.

We'll have to approximate  
the amount of joy

to be found in mathematics,  
the number of times

a kid can laugh out loud  
at the simplest pun.

It's hard to frown  
when the world is round

and full of pie.

