



## love kills hate

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star power  
 beauty map  
 a child encouraged  
 shines a single scrap of life  
 is fluid  
 calling 'family' is like shotgun  
 who rests on who  
 rests on

a hole is a tunnel  
 supporting a solid &  
 studies math  
 for reasons other than marketing

pedigree information factored in  
 morals & pragmatics & emotions for some

cf. Pascal's smart wager:

	God exists	God does not exist
you believe God exists	heaven	no consequence
you do not believe God exists	hell	no consequence

if I live as if God exists, and God exists,  
 I go to Heaven  
 if I live as if God exists, and God doesn't exist,  
 there's no consequence  
 if I live as if God doesn't exist, and God exists,  
 I go to Hell  
 if I live as if God doesn't exist, and God doesn't exist,  
 there's no consequence

△ it's prudent to have faith

whose God is love

shadow

dancing in the tumble grass  
crowd roar

conversation

baseline a birdsound

one-sided surfaces

existed in magic

even before math      bowing down

zipper vanish

astonished in the parlor

on the corner

of all things

to make binary

love the most ill-advised

but if we must

let's err on the side of yes

Narcissus numb

thought he was seeing      someone else

for every integer, insect, indigene, import

for every individual

for every interdependent

indivisible

a people on  
these streets that might  
these bodies  
move  
shoes, food, signs  
belief  
    forget what bores you  
        in this ring  
            burn bright not out  
this bridge  
is us  
this love  
kills hate