

## Poems by Laura Garavaglia

La presenza viva della cose  
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### *Poesia*

A volte le parole sono occhi  
guardano obliquo il mondo.  
Scavano nel profondo  
prospettive diverse.  
A volte invece le parole  
si fermano nell'aria  
e non raggiungono  
gli angoli della vita.  
E i versi sono polvere  
dentro un raggio di luce.

### *Poetry*

Sometimes words are eyes  
gazing at the world aslant.  
Deep down they dig  
different perspectives.  
Sometimes, however, words  
hover in mid air  
and fail to reach  
into the corners of life.  
And verse is dust  
in a beam of light.

English translation by Annarita Tavani



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**(Georg Cantor)**

La diagonale era scala verso il cielo  
 e la mente saliva,  
 ogni numero un passo,  
 un gradino verso l'infinito.  
 Ma oltre la potenza del continuo  
 lo spirito cercava l'Assoluto.  
 Fuori dal centro, oltre la mediocrità  
 nella prigione bianca della mente,  
 il destino segnato  
 da chi non ha capito.

**Absolute infinity**  
**(Georg Cantor)**

The diagonal was a ladder leading up to heaven  
 which the mind was climbing,  
 each number was a step  
 towards infinity.  
 Yet beyond the continuum hypothesis  
 the spirit was yearning for the Absolute.  
 Away from the centre, beyond mediocrity,  
 in the mind's white prison,  
 fate is decided  
 by those who fail to understand.

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