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Faith and Fact

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Faith and Fact went for a walk.
Faith, a dry leaf. Fact, a clod of earth.

As they walked sharing
ideas concepts thoughts hypotheses
sermons commandments premises conjunctures,
A heavy sand storm approached them.
The storm was about to whisk Faith away
Flying in a wind of uncertainty
When Fact pounced on Faith and pinned him down,
Keeping him from being blown away.
When the storm passed, Faith thanked Fact profusely
And they continued their walk.

A heavy dark rain approached them now.
Fact, the clod of earth, began to dissolve
In the lashing rain of uncertainty
When Faith pounced on him and unfurled like an umbrella,
Keeping him from getting diffused.
When the rain passed, Fact thanked Faith profusely
And they continued their walk.

Now, dark clouds gathered and a heavy wind blew
And an ugly rain storm approached them.
Faith was blown away in the wind
And Fact dissolved in the rain.

Nothing remained on earth
Except the shadow of the moon.