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Desert of Knowledge

Jake M. Epler

"She was my oasis of mystery
in the dreary desert of knowledge" – George Eliot

Can mystery be an oasis?
Can it refresh?
Can an abundance of knowledge dry out my already aching throat?
Is certainty an oppressive sun?
The sand.
The incalculable number of grains parallels
the terrifyingly numerous bits of decided-upon facts
in our books,
on our screens,
in our little heads.
I want to sprint to the oasis, panting,
heaving in pain,
almost drowning in the suffocating desert heat.
Don't tell me.
Let me wonder.
Let me hungrily feed off the nourishing fruit of
wonder,
of happy ignorance.

Cracking the Code #5

M.J. Scott

Don't
tell me.
Let me
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