

## New Math

*(for judy & gerson)*

we were three, we children,  
now we are six/  
we were five, in the family,  
now we are eight  
with the children eleven

we were six for a while,  
the family,  
then seven  
then six again  
then, with the children,  
seven and eight  
then we were nine  
and another child ten

now we are eight,  
with the children eleven.

the sum of the parts  
is greater, at last,  
than the whole  
and the limits on addition  
are subtracted by physical law.

we were three  
now we are six —  
the fraction of love  
is the difference.

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