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Known to the Greeks
and before, to the eye
of the unlettered ones—
the Golden Mean.

Located mathematically
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length, width and sum
by those of two minds.

Extend the straight lines
and you have drawn
the golden curve—the
logarithmic spiral;

noted in sunflower, snail
turritellae, galaxie
and there on the Acropolis—
the Parthenon.

Nature's favorite turn
again and again
and never without plying
her own variety.

Mirrored by man in countless
objects: doors, books, rooks
all partaking of the ratio

$$\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{a+b}{ab}$$

and even found in common
playing cards; from which
a hand is dealt
but once.

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