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Sometimes you know you were right
all along but you doubted, doubted
because sometimes appropriate
humility demands doubt. That's not

faithlessness. Faithlessness is a failure
of heart, maybe a failure to long
for the things that are the reasons
for the deep phenomenon of longing.

When you see Crater Lake the first time,
really see it, when you crest the rim
and stare down into the caldera,
you know what you knew was true:

there is a water that is just that blue,
a lake that makes any metaphor
for the deep pools of any love go pale,
that proves the world you live in has an eye.

-William Jolliff
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