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In the garden:
She calculates Newton's law of physics
As I ponder poetry of Robert Frost—
Both of us are contemplating,
One of us is lost . . .
The other, seeking . . .

She desires grand revelations
To discern the infinite from particle form,
While I, taking time to ponder vagaries,
Allow Nature's truth be born.

We sit within our orchard,
Dissecting as much as can be read and known,
Realizing that the pathway to understanding
Must finally be traversed alone.

She considers velocity of apple falling, falling free—
I am questioning:
Why need plant that apple tree?
Causing human misery— she replies.
Offering sweetness— I oblige.

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