

Number Theory*

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All numbers are created equal
Yet some are more prime.
But then why some are real
And others are truly imaginary?

All numbers are created equal
Yet all numbers are complex.
But then why some numbers
Are more rational than others?

All numbers are created equal
And many numbers are integral.
But then why some are positive
And others are negative?

All numbers are created equal
And many numbers have values.
But then why there is a number
That's zero like an empty tumbler?

Are there equal numbers?
Or is it only in my slumber
That I see transcendental numbers
And the eternal infinity?

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