

Rational vs. Reasonable

Why it that
we sometimes
reject the rational
but always
respect the reasonable?

Rational is
analytical and logical;
reasonable is
integral and responsible.
Rational prizes
principles;
reasonable reckons with
applications.

Without rationality
we appear silly;
without reasonableness
we become cruel.

Rational is cool;
too much rationality
makes us frigid.
Reasonable is warm;
too much reasonableness
makes us melt.

Not to be rational
is not the same as
being irrational.

Faith and trust
are not simply rational
but eminently reasonable.
Hope and courage
are not basically rational
but doggedly reasonable.
Love and compassion
are not purely rational
but ecstatically reasonable.

For, the heart
has its reasons,
and they are not rational.

You can be very rational,
yet unreasonable;
sometimes it is reasonable
not to be too rational.
While it is never reasonable
to be irrational,
it is always irrational
not to be reasonable.

Just one warning:
it is unreasonable
to expect everyone
to be rational.

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