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Making special, the wedding, the funeral, the escape
an absence in the circle of fire – what word could do
justice to our continuous wire of sympathies – we search
for in the face of another, prodding with skillful lies,
that of course, the best we can do, to love regardless, to try
to be descriptive, to infuse lack of comprehension with language –
fanatical excerpts passed along as if sage, or radical, choose one
belief system or another, to define ourselves once and for all.

