



## Art Eyes Science

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I.

In the beginning was the double negative  
cause there weren't nothin'.  
God brooded over the confusion and thought,  
"If there weren't somethin'  
there ought to at least be nothin'."  
But there weren't.  
And God said,  
"Let's put a little light on the subject."  
And he did.  
And the light cleared things up.  
So everything that was cleared up  
God called something.  
And everything that weren't  
God called nothing.  
And when God settled on the difference  
between something and nothing  
He called it good.  
But people call it science  
because they don't like values.

II.

And God noticed the problem with something:  
It wasn't very well organized.  
It wasn't much better organized than nothin'.  
Atoms and quarks and charms  
zipped all over the place.  
Something was acting like nothing  
cause nothing had no use for anything  
and neither did something.  
Oxygen atoms had no use for one another  
and certainly no use for hydrogen atoms.  
And God said,  
"Settle down and behave."  
And they settled down  
into solids and liquids and gases.  
And when everything started behaving  
God called it the Heavens,  
because that's what it was.  
But people call it the Universe  
because it sounds more scientific.

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