

## I am a number

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- 1        I am tall  
          and  
          one sided  
          like an ostrich  
          Pluck  
          the eye  
          of my feather  
          whittle  
          the stick  
          of  
          remembrance  
          bare  
          of  
          ornamentation  
          Alone
- 2        I am fat with contentment  
          In the arc  
          of survival  
          we win  
          by a hair  
          Kick  
          the less  
          fortunate  
          down the plank  
          to make space
- 3        I am prime  
          and conflicted  
          One more or one less  
          The spoke in the wheel  
          or grease that makes it go  
          Increase and multiply  
          or divide  
          and divorce

4            I am Parmenides' many  
              on the edge of ancient counting:  
              the stars in the sky  
              fattened sheep of pharaoh  
              the dappled cows of the gods grazing under the sun  
              and all the grains of sand  
              on the seashore