

## **The Man had a Theory . . .**

. . . that if he honked his horn  
when reaching an intersection  
the red light ahead of him  
would change to green faster.

There was no way to prove this theory.

But then there was no way  
to disprove it either.  
And so, to be safe,  
he went through life honking his horn  
whenever he arrived at an intersection  
if the light ahead of him was red.

This did tend to irritate other motorists  
who were also stopped at the same light—  
as they had no knowledge of his theory  
about horn honking and its effect  
on red lights. Each one  
thought the man must be honking  
at some offense another driver  
had committed, or perhaps  
that they themselves had committed  
without quite realizing it.

Our man with a theory, however,  
paid these other motorists no mind.

Instead, honking his way  
through life he basked each time  
in the feeling  
that there was this one thing  
in all of existence  
over which he actually  
had some measure of control.

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