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### The Long and the Short of It

Once there was a circle which was  
very big and round.

And on it was a child who was,  
what's called, "homeward bound."

Now, "home" was on this circle, too,  
A point upon the line,  
And any way the child could turn  
would take him there...in time.

We all, of course, are children  
and some days the way seems clear,  
When home is just around the bend  
and love and peace are near.

But, there are times when what we  
see, when looking straight ahead,  
Is not the peace of home, but long  
and tedious roads instead.

I guess the long and short of it,

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for those folks homeward bound,

Is: we can either walk in circles

or, instead, can “turn around.”

[Rev. 1:8; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; 2 Cor. 5:1-5; Matt. 18:1-3]

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