Can physics be poetized? Is there a rhetoric of physics? Physics and literature represent two diametrically opposed ways of viewing the world. In combination they could develop a productive potential. At present however, no institutionalised dialogue exists.

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