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Truth

What we don't know won't hurt us.
Ipsa facto, stupid's safe. Which
must be why, through the peephole

of their halo, the Inquisitors saw
to Galileo—so deep in the sleep
of their fear was their faith.

Beauty

He looked inside to find Beauty.
Found, instead, a hole. Found,
instead, the red smear where a

heart had been and where, if
anyone cared, there was room
to plant a small animal.