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Harmonic Series

Too often, people interpret arrogance as a sign of achievement.

[omit 65,536 lines beginning "Too..."]

Too few gestures of solidarity were possible in those days.

[omit 32,786 lines beginning "Too few..."]

Too few people at parties really know how to mix.

[omit 16,384 lines beginning "Too few people..."]

Too few people understand that speed traps are entrapment.

[omit 8,192 lines beginning "Too few people understand..."]

Too few people understand why their true love said no.

[omit 4,096 lines beginning "Too few people understand why..."]

Too few people understand why the pang of love persists.

[omit 2,048 lines beginning "Too few people understand why the..."]

Too few people understand why the harmonic minor sounds sad.

[omit 1024 lines beginning "Too few people understand why the harmonic..."]

Too few people understand why the harmonic series got named.

[omit 512 lines beginning "Too few people understand why the harmonic series..."]

Too few people understand why the harmonic series must converge.

[omit 256 lines beginning "Too few people understand why the harmonic series must..."]

Too few people understand why the harmonic series must diverge.

Note: This poem is structured like a Cauchy sequence: after a while, the first n words remain the same.