

Hidden Common Ground

intractable feud?
beneath positions' hard crust,
int'rests underlie

either-or, win-lose
— myth of impasse flourishes,
false certainty gels

foe plays the partner,
dance of conflict, pas de deux
"enemy" disarmed

explore why, not what,
unblind shrouded driving needs
unlock assumed cuffs

conflict's costs abate
relationship gains value
think outside the box

