**If I Were the Equator**

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If I were the equator

I would have an attitude.

I’d boast the most about my no degrees of latitude.

I’d say, though there are other lines who run from east to west,

with nearly 25,000 miles I clearly am the best.

My equidistance from the poles,

I’d mention with a laugh,

makes me the one – the *only* one – who



splits the globe in half.

Smack dab

between the Tropics

with the sun high up above,

indeed,

I’d plead,

what on Earth could there be

about me *not* to love?