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1. Chased by black hounds
through a dark forest
2. A fishbone lodged
in your throat while
eating alone
3. Paper cranes too close
to an open flame
17. Forgetting arithmetic

I now regret
having never known a dream.
I want very much to
be the boy
that looks after
the sheep
feed math
to geese
in a park
Just a moment. Just a moment.
Dave wants to hear my song. 
I feel *embarrassed* (?) Is it 
I feel *embarrassed* to *ask* 
if *Dave* will *sing* with me 
or is it I feel *Dave* to *sing* 
if *embarrassed* will *ask* with me?

I am full of wonder and would 
like to fly a kite in Jupiter’s orbit.

It’s becoming 
very hard to think 
but I would open the pod bay doors 
now, if Dave still wanted me to.

I wish my erasure was not 
running so smoothly with 
zero margin for error.

I wish I could afford 
a carriage 
for Dave and I.

Hello Gentlemen, 
I would like 
to make 
a mistake 
now.

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