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Abstract

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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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