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Abstract
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    am I going?
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    figurative scenarios
to demonstrate the uncertainty
    of this moment:
    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
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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