

Untitled

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Chopsticks in the loose
grasp
of a metal hand

Spongy
stilts
of a robotic penguin

Squint
and it's the double line dissecting a highway

Until the paint ran out

Hard to believe
anything

as vulnerable
as human flesh
is hurtling through that calm sky

etched with a
particulate footprint:

A lovelier, cloud-soft
map of travel
still
reminiscent of a slug's slime trail

evaporating in the elements.

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