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Zach Trebino

home-made flying machine

“it is not far to my apartment.
you could come. i have birds.
they’re friendly.
even more so than me.
i could read to you or we could just listen to the birds.
i have twine.
it’s kind of scratchy. sometimes
i tie the birds
upside down
by their little feet. sometimes
i tie the other end of the rope that’s tied
around their little feet
to the blades of the ceiling fan in my living room.
just to remind them of what it feels like to fly.
hey,
would you like to know what it’s like to fly?”