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## **Cardboard Skins**

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We begin in silence

In deafening silence we hear

How loud our minds ache to speak

Quiet

Is the presence between cardboard casings

Shuffling,

Downward,

Slowly yet softly

Evident within ourselves is the hushed indications of progression

Gears of the mind lock into place

With every moving second

Conversations churn

Broken is the threshold

How loud our minds ache to speak

We begin in conversation

In deafening noise we hear

How loud our minds ache to speak

Alive

Is the presence between cardboard casings

Like clockwork, we are continuous