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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