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I can't believe we're saying this,
a thousand hours spent
dancing on paper so incredibly thin,
our feet are pins,
and all it would take
to blow us away,
is one hollow wind.

And one time it came down to
desperate begging
and the stars in the sky were
so far away,
we switched from wishing to praying,
and it goes without saying,
nothing felt real at all.

And all the time we've spent
believing,
is coming back to haunt us.
Below us, our toes make tiny etches
on the perfectly angled edges,
and pins are all we are—

so delicate and easily lost,
we can't be found at all.