

Air Looms

a response in words by
Jessamine O'Connor

A Being us
B we forget
C how complicated it is
D to move

B We forget
E to breathe
D to move
F and then

E to breathe
G again. One step
F and then
H stop - rewind

G again, one step
I in any direction.
H Stop - rewind
J and set it off

I in any direction.
K Click and whirr
J and set it off
L singing

K Click and whirr
M like clockwork
L singing
N finding your voice

M like clockwork.
O Listen.
N Finding your voice
P needs a million mistakes

O Listen
Q each strange note
P needs a million mistakes
R to get it right

Q Each strange note
S each small effort
R to get it right
T starts as a grunt and

S each small effort
U every impeccable sound
T starts as a grunt and
V is a struggle

U Every impeccable sound
W these dolls teach us
V is a struggle.
X Learning is mechanical

W These dolls teach us
Y to appreciate
X learning is mechanical
Z simply

Y to appreciate
C how complicated it is
Z simply
A being us.