

Speaking Notes

Let me begin by saying every breath
is a prize sadly only those of us with lungs
are eligible to win, but I digress.
Let me begin again

by saying each of us
is a theatre on opening night, a guitar
learning how to play a new pair of hands,
a joyful empty vase. There's no end

to what we gain or lose. No ruin
is ruined for life. Go on spider,
build your broken web once more.
Go on web and wait

for what will come.
Let me begin again.

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