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No one can explain how sand dunes
communicate Why planes stay in the air
Most theories can't account for low-pressure zones
Even Newton's third law falls short
Between drag and thrust, weight and lift
You're much more superstitious than religious
Turning tree bark into polyurethane
Material engineering a kind of alchemy
Ever having fun in front of strangers
I'm camera shy A particle unwatched
in the double-slit experiment
It's not physics, but atomic loneliness:
The fear that when I lean against a wall
the wall won't lean back on me

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