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# If...

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If ever a word required dots trailing behind,  
like bread crumbs from lost tentative hands.

If ever a word sat precariously on a wall,  
likely to fall, but to which side the question.

If ever a word mumbled, or spat, or spun,  
like rippled gold flowing from a timid loom.

If ever a word forged doubt with only two letters,  
like two small hands pulling steel wed to stone.

If ever a word hesitated beside the pool,  
likely speculation could transform beast to prince.

Every story wavers between this or that,  
teetering upon the precipice of a child's imagination,  
caught between two cautious letters,  
In conditional fantasy,  
uncertain outcome,  
contingent upon