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I WANT TO BE SINCERE NOW

My worst nightmare is talking
on the phone for hours, my best
a Staten Island Ferry ride
or the time I joined an equestrian team,
jumping over fences, the ribboning meadow.
I wasn't scared though I'd never
touched a horse in this life.
In this life I want one microwaveable
meal, clear answer on a test,
a cloud chamber where I can listen
to the wind distort. My back
will be hooked to tubes charting
my progress as a human. I sleep stacked
among my books. How am I doing?