



Electrical Tracings in Silk

The gossamer strands show structure,
a spider's pattern spun by heart.
The regular rhythm repeats
until a single line is frayed.
Unraveling, the cobwebs wave
and twist, finding stillness only
in asystole, life unstuck
from such strength and fragility.

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