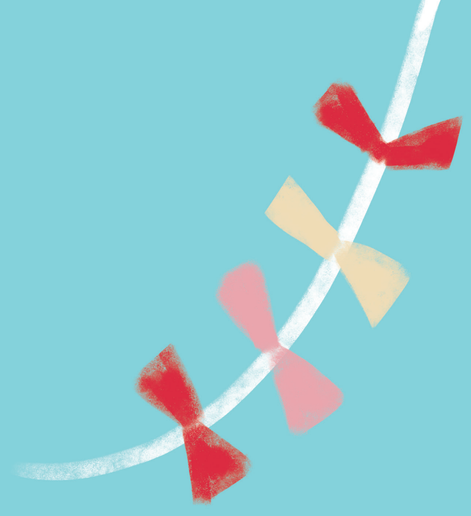

Wind Pup

Together
we wait
the line goes tight
tugs away
my wind pup
she wants to run
tongue out she lifts
the air is her bone she holds on
the string that leads from her centre
comes right to my hand
the wind fills her up she is full of it

But
  nose down
  she spirals
  nose down
  she stumbles
tail tangling

  she dives
back to the earth

  she sniffs the ground
I pull her back to my feet
wiping the mud from her nose
Together
we wait

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