perforations

along this notebook page

almost invisible

the tiny separations

that ease the final parting

*Firstt Place 2014*

*TSA International*

*Tanka Contest*

standing

unwavering

on one leg

the crane

puts me to shame

*Gusts 18*

houseplants

crowd every surface

palms outstretched

she murmurs endearments

in another tongue

 *American Tanka 22, 2013*

through stardust

spilled across the Milky Way

the heat

of old desires lingers

inextinguishable

*Moonbathing 5 Winter 2011*

just be present…

the package says *tear here*

absentminded

I tear

the other end

*Red Lights Winter 2011*

other planets

multiple universes

but none

I can touch

your hand here and now

 *Ribbons 8:3 Winter 2012*

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 **Lesley Anne Swanson**

 *selected tanka*