

# Kyrie, eleison

Tom Palaima

A spool of cord
A ball of yarn
A coil of rope
faith and hope
that somewhere
in the unraveling
and unwinding
the twisting
and the tangling
the entwining
and refining
hanging
by a thread
is charity.

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