if mama / could see

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if mama
  could see
  she would see
  lucy sprawling
  limbs of lucy
  decorating the
  backs of chairs
  lucy hair
  holding the mirrors up
  that reflect odd
  aspects of lucy.

if mama
  could hear
  she would hear
  lucysong rolled in the
  corners like lint
  exotic webs of lucysighs
  long lucy spiders explaining
  to obscure gods.

if mama
  could talk
  she would talk
  good girl
  good girl
  good girl
  clean up your room.
