

# Pinocchio

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Strand. String.

In this dream,

the paths cross  
and cross again.

They are spelling  
a real boy

out of repetition.

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Each one  
is the one

real boy.

Each knows  
he must be

wrong  
about this, but

he can't feel  
how.

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The fish  
and the fisherman,

the pilot,  
the princess,

the fireman and  
the ones on fire.