

## A Trans Guide to Pinning Luna Moths

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Start with light dish insects    then thigh  
which are not so different

Plath on garden's metal-top table    pocked dents & steel pimples  
seed flowers & killing jars  
She mouths    This? Here?    tossing up mothballs

Sanitize where pen    punches a period hole  
tape cup under chin    catch the sentences snaking  
out of absence    a burning haibun

Accept what you would give up for your body

Accept all donations    people pity moth-pinner

Make a ritual    once a week pierce thigh  
wake months later dusted    key-lime scales  
Learn to be a new creature

Understand that this is painful for all of us

Stand naked in the mirror    take many pictures  
send them to strangers  
they tell you how they want to pin you down

Learn the moth    at arm's length swallows    sun  
becomes reluminous  
wings crumple    placed through your mouth

Learn that needles are drawn moths

Begin with eye contact    all the moth sees    closed & golden  
parting coins bearing willows  
undressing by the river    letting loose    all those turmeric tongues  
drinking sunlight    often dimming