

Paraphrase

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You said that for your translation seminar
you wished you'd walked into the room
and put a telephone and a hammer on the desk
and given your whole talk
pretending they weren't there.

In real life you'd brought nothing and
said "um" eleven thousand times.

And I can't even tell you how much I
wanted to eat a tiny amount of cereal
out of the crevice where your neck meets your chest.