

One Step Forward

It is a night the featured poet
shows us how to put the “super”
back into “superficial,”
and nobody seems to notice my verses—
especially not the new one I am trying out
for the first time.

One fellow reader on the open mike, however,
offers me words I expect to remember
forever.

And so I decide
that on this particular evening
poetry has taken another giant step forward.

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