

## **The Pattern of Sound**

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Fingertips gently kiss plastic chords,  
catching nylon between flesh and wood,  
the soft mixture of firm and sweet  
reverberating,  
pinching, plucking,  
plonking and plunking, caressing  
dull copper frets, humming, twang-  
ing, each note  
floating, dissolving,  
like snowflakes touching  
navy blue felt before  
melting away.