



*Could you tell me about the beginning?*

Artist: How far back do you want to go?

*Wherever or whenever you locate the beginning. We'd like to designate an origin, to keep us from becoming lost.*

Artist: Well, origins are a tricky subject. Are you looking for something authoritative?

*Authority prohibits conversation. This is a conversation.*

Artist: Can you tell me something before we start?

*We've already started.*

Artist: Point taken. Now that we've started then, could you tell me where you locate the origin?

## **BEFORE BEGINNING: ORIGIN**

*The origin of the entire terrain is an occurrence on hot July day in 1877 in Menlo Park, New Jersey. Thomas Edison was singing "Mary Had A Little Lamb" into the first phonograph. Maybe. We're not certain that everything is so simple, but that remains the most useful origin for the territory in question.<sup>1</sup>*

Artist: Nothing is so simple. Of course, you couldn't be making a book like this without that recorder of yours.

*Have you heard that "there is no difference between what a book talks about and how it is made?"<sup>2</sup>*

Artist: Have you heard that "sound is the closest thing to a diagram of thought, in the sense that, to actually hear it and apprehend it, you have to simultaneously forget and remember, instant by instant?"<sup>3</sup>

*Have you already forgotten what we'd asked you? Or, are you ready to begin now?*

*sound generation*

