We define wannabe modular forms, functions on the upper half-plane transforming under the action of the modular group by a generalized factor of automorphy. We define a related notion of wannabe Jacobi forms, and we show that the $q$-Pochhammer symbol is a meromorphic wannabe Jacobi form. Its factor of automorphy is the Shintani-Faddeev cocycle, an $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$-parametrized family of functions generalizing Shintani’s double sine function and Faddeev’s noncompact quantum dilogarithm. We relate real multiplication values of the Shintani-Faddeev cocycle to exponentials of certain derivative $L$-values, conjectured by Stark to be algebraic units generating abelian extensions of real quadratic fields.