

## Laura Gibson "Feather Lungs"

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Late when the night has swollen  
and the edge of the sky is bruised  
I'll wonder if the scene is cast  
by accident or by design  
We will leave our feather lungs, as nameless as when  
we arrived,  
Every breath and belly laugh will teach us how to die  
again,  
Each calloused hand and fingertip is a kite-string to a  
morning hour,  
Where light will fancy you a friend and greet you with a  
wink and nod  
Every breath and belly laugh will teach us how to die  
alone,  
For light will pull her curtains closed and whisper every  
parting word  
Late when the night has swollen,  
and the edge of the sky is bruised,  
marching with a flag in hand,  
we'll be sending up our final flares

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