

## **Michael McFarland**

### **"As I Take Flight"**

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I wake up in an empty room  
2:15 in the afternoon  
tangled sheets are my cocoon, but I'm no butterfly  
maybe I'm a gypsy moth  
a wandering soul in somber cloth  
if I had wings would I fly off or just stare at the sky

welcome the day you turned and walked away  
welcome all the memories in and welcome their decay  
welcome the night, the sun recedes from sight  
welcome stars to light my way as I take flight

I was drawn into your glow  
a caterpillar in the snow  
and so naive how could I know the spider's lullaby  
silken threads can comfort weave  
in gossamer security  
or spin a web to tight to leave, a cage too strong to fly

was I deceived when I believed  
chip on your shoulder heart on my sleeve  
I couldn't breathe, I couldn't breathe  
when it was over wouldn't you leave

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