

Sheila Nicholls "Eiderdown"

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It's so calm, I am suspicious without a storm
Here on my farm, it is harvest and the sun is warm
And I yearn for upheaval, oscillation of the depths
The water's calling and there is flood warning in all my
steps

And I am leaving light behind to find an equal in my
mind
To find an equal in my head
Where all the boys contributed more than tangles in my
sheets
Breakfast shadows in the streets to make it safe
So I won't drown one more time in eiderdown

Tiptoe below where it is dark and the walls are cold
And I see shadow I face my monster while I still feel
bold
He beckons closer with no eyes and with no respect
He'd overdose her but he's too scared 'cause he hates
me

The emperor defiance in my mind sits on his throne
With face to be mine presumes I'll serve him beef and
wine
His importance is so divine as I refuse and smile at him
I feed myself and learn to swim to make it safe
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And as the dust begins to clear
I know it's still taught that you are free
And I will consume this condition until there's no more
division
'Cause freedom outside of equal conveys
Let the privilege rule and everything else obeys
'Cause freedom outside of equal conveys
Let the privilege rule and everything else obeys

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