

## Sheila Nicholls

### "Moth and Streetlight"

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#### Verse 1

I knew, I was, treading water, and your baggage  
floated all around.  
There were no lifeboats, should I grab a suitcase, it  
was sink or swim to higher  
ground.  
An' I stretch between, telling you everything and  
nothing at all.

#### Verse 2

Delilah saw the yellow flowers before us, just in case  
you didn't know.  
They rooted for me because I wore their colors, told me  
not to linger, just  
grow.  
I'm glad us girls could get over Salem, not divide each  
other not watch each  
other fall.

#### Verse 3

I deliver what I want you to see, just like you have  
always done for me, but  
this can never be a war.  
The object of this game is to leave with an equal score.

#### Verse 4

And the moth and the streetlight were in their infinite  
tease,  
and Icarus shouted down from the clouds and the  
trees,  
well he tried to warn them both, be careful of the fire,  
be careful of the air, for he will never tire and she is  
rarely fair.  
Loves not the illusion of desire, still he tried to break  
their stare,  
what choices will you make he said with failure in his  
smile,  
I'm sure this beauty's fake, I'm sure this love is vile.

#### Verse 5

But the moth just saw the fire beautiful fire, kept her

warm and was fuel for  
her dance.  
The lamp marveled as she swam through the air, is  
that something, was that  
something,  
maybe something there.  
When you leave, I can feel you slide away, that's just  
fine, guess you were  
never meant to stay.

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