

Sheila Nicholls

"The Moth And The 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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