

audition

an anatomically challenging assault
on the
microphone
polished flamboyance
betrayed by scarlet slackness
in those lips

she projects silently into a
noise-deafened chamber
swerves abruptly
flinches, peers toward
sunlit April raindrops
stippling the piano
her music
her dream



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Dreams

Dreams can magnify your life.
They make you shed those tears.
They crumble down that sweet facade,
And illuminate your fears;
But dreams aren't always evil,
And through eternity,
They've proven to accent your strong points,
And what you strive to be.
What drives us all is different,
And sometimes it just seems,
We possess one trait in common:
We're driven by our dreams.

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