

“If Tonight is All We Have”

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We will be the death of each other, you and I.

We will consume one another -

Until all that is left is a pile of broken bones

And broken hearts -

That should've just minded their own business anyway.

And everyone we once knew will say they knew it would happen eventually.

(And so they don't really feel all that bad.)

We have fallen without even moving -

An unconscious effort that dooms us nevertheless.

And our borderline insanity is frightening

To everyone except us.

Because we're going up in flames -

Our tangled hearts and hips and lips

And that is infinitely more frightening.

So maybe we were pushed into the flames instead of falling -

Who am I kidding?

We both love it this way -

Can I be so bold as to say that I crave it?

I need you to need me

Just for tonight -

Breathe me in,

Feel me become your carbon monoxide butterfly

And let me take you so much higher.

Because only in the dark can I see your heart beat

As you give yourself away and kiss my wings,

That will inevitably taste of formaldehyde.

And I think I am strong because I fly

But in the end I am just breakable breakable butterfly wings -

Wait.

Erase and rewind.

Let's make this last so much longer

Than it has any right to -

Breathe me in,

Feel me become your carbon monoxide butterfly

Because only in the dark can I see your heart beat.

Only in the dark do I fly.

We will shatter.

Everyone knows it's true -

Even me.

Even you.

And yeah -

It's going to really fucking hurt -

"I'm not jaded, just honest."

("I wasn't aware there was a difference...")

Because we really will be the death of each other, you and I.

But at least when it happens -

You will be with me,

And I will be with you.