The Diving Board

Took a high dive arcing out wide Into the crowd Out to the sound of their wild applause But you've heard it before And you've seen it all From up there on the diving board

You'd free fall into the ether Above the people Out on a limb fragile and adored But who below knows that You're still a mystery Way up on the diving board

Sink or swim I can't recall Who said that to me? When I was sixteen And full of the world and its noise

But you beat the drum You fell in love with it all The planets alight Those dizzy heights And the view from the diving board

Took the grand prize you and your eyes Butterfly light Escaping the reach Of their fangs and their claws Such a pale little thing In your lily-white skin High up on the diving board.

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