

Ballad of a Paralysed Citizen

The Faint

I'm paralyzed and things could
Change for you as well
You're not so bad off now
You can move anything you need

I'm not this way because of an
Emergency I caused
At seventeen a guard
Perched above the chlorine floor

When I saw a hand raise up
From just beneath the air
A frantic move for help
I made an instant judgment call

To dive, I arced my feet to dive
I broke the elemental line to save a child
Dive into the shallow floor
The bottom scraped my palms
And compressed my spine

Now I'm paralyzed
While they just hope to make amends
The family and the kid
Who faked the drowning incident

I've felt the hand of God
And that's the last thing that I felt
They'd all blew up my back
I've lost the faith I thought I had

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