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## Constraint

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## **Float Like a Butterfly**

Emory Engles

## **Constraint**

Melisa Clifford

how small is she  
that he won't heed  
her presence  
he  
will only need  
to hold her when  
he holds her down  
filth of such men  
upon her gown  
she thinks  
she knows  
she must submit  
like wearing clothes  
that don't quite fit  
the mirror lies;  
won't show her face  
a stranger spies  
within that space  
how small is she  
that he won't heed  
her dignity  
he'll only need  
her now and then  
to make no sound  
to hold still when  
he holds her down