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And so, she walks like the awakening of light.

A blue fluorescence, enticing me with its buzzing melody.

The quickening web of half-truths spoken and believed

Once entangled, what escape?

What opening of blooming opportunities?

White and crystalline but hides a flourishing devourer.

Strikes with poison, honeyed words, leaving you paralyzed in security.

Heart ripped out and gulped down with no means returning.

Lying motionless, lifeless, and petrified,

A light flickers with struggle as it fades, and darkness begins to reside.