

THAT ONE NIGHT

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A single light pierced my eyes
I flinched though it was no surprise
My heart beat a quicker pace
As bright light shone across my face

A silent breath left my lips
As my eyes caused a solar exlipse
I opened to see him standing there
Contact held, by a focused stare

With his eyes, he held mine still
With a determined look that gave me a chill
I began to wish that I was at home
But I found myself on that deck alone

No one was on that stage but me
Then I heard the count one, two, three
Then I heard a single note
And I felt the lyrics rise in my throat

The beginning verse was oh so brief
But with each word came a gasp of relief
With a flush of comfort, I sang every word
And each one flew like a wild bird

With a powerful voice, I sang every line
One after the next in unerring time
I finished my song with an elegant rest
Through music my true feelings expressed
I looked to see his face in awe
His eyes wide and an open jaw

His eyes were no longer commanding and mighty
Instead they were lost in total ubiety
I closed my own in silent prayer
And memorized the feeling of pride with care

With a simple smile, I walked apace
Satisfied with my performances grace
I emerged from adversity glowing triumphant
Ignoring the man's impromptu jugedemt

Timidity is a plague that we all persevere
Believe in yourself and your path will be clear
Hold strength and faith in the palm of your hand
And remember that you are the fairest in the land