

# Between the Columns

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*Fireflies Over Water*, Kei Nomiya

Between the columns in the dark,  
The landscape where youth finds its way,  
The evocations of blue and purple and  
The vernal green of stagnant nature,

We go chasing after something, a spark:  
A light different than that of day,  
Like fireflies over farmland  
That only memories capture;

Past the columns, the colored maze,  
The garden and the wasted days,

Past the life lived too late,  
The figure looking back from the gate,

We go chasing.

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