The Lovely Phantasms

Lonely and fragmented, a silhouette

Of a limelight statue, vivisected

By two lamps on a darkened courtyard,

Dances a shadow-play of clockwise romance.

Dying in the faintly glow of mornings,

Every night she's left to aimless wallow,

Until a stone-cast miracle had shattered

The scalpel-bladed light which kept them halved.

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