

# Between the Columns

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*Fireflies Over Water*, Kei Nomiyama

**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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