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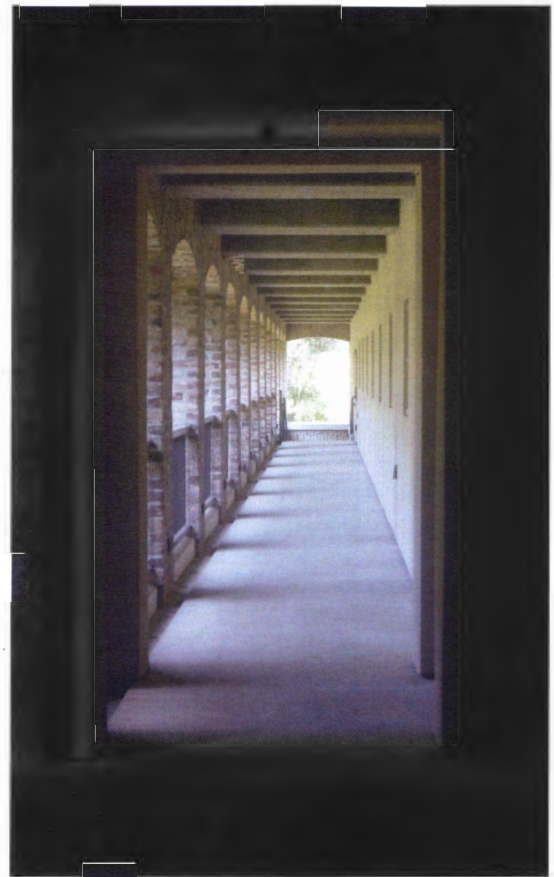
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You, who live to please others,
The strings attached to your arms
that control you,
lead directly to your heart.
Every morning waking up
already drained for the day,
from all the tears your blue eyes cried
inside.
Your painted on smile, chipped—
the last remnants of how falsified they are—
the relationships you hold true to.
The only protection of your one secret
fading, from sheer loneliness
and how the pain from holding it in
consumes your mind,
and the lingering taste of bitterness
leaves a dreadful sickness
that plagues you day in and day out.
If nothing more
than a lingering bout of disappointment
hence, forevermore
the taste of romantic dissent
or a life, fully spent
living a worthwhile tragedy.



**“Light at the End”
Amanda Marchese**