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## Fame

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## **Fame**

*Amanda Mainguy*

Addictive, yet abhorrent.  
With spotlights, the limelight: the attention is  
enthraling.  
The constant awareness, the encompassing  
darkness  
Like a burning sin, fame is relished for all its  
substance.  
An all-consuming fire,  
Fame is overwhelming.  
Strangling, twisting.  
A burning fire sears through the fibers  
That compose the fabric of one's being.

Fame is a fleeting game  
Played with one's emotions.  
Tag! You're it!  
But the game turns sour  
As the fun begins to ebb.

Fame is a rock, settled hard and cold in your  
stomach.  
It twists and curls,  
The groaning never ceases.  
It gnashes its teeth, roaring back its head  
As you scream for mercy.