

Ballad Of A Paralyzed Citizen

The Faint

I'm paralyzed and things could
Change for you as well
You're not so bad off now
You can move anything you need
I'm not this way because of an
Emergency I caused
At seventeen I was a guard perched
Above the chlorine floor
When I saw a hand raise up
From just beneath the air
A frantic move for help
I made an instant judgment call

To dive
I arced my feet to dive
I broke the elemental line to save a child.
Dive into the shallow floor
The bottom scraped my palms
And compressed my spine.

Now I'm paralyzed while they just
Move to make amends
The family and the kid
Who faked the drowning incident
I've felt the hand of god and that's
The last thing that I felt
And all below my back
I've lost the faith I thought I had.

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