

# That Whiskey Blue Sway

Fingers fierce and fragile  
dance the porcelain fire away,  
setting ebony to ivory  
against the white of evening lights

Tonight, even the houseflies  
have their sway and swagger,  
ghosts will stride  
with secrets placed pocket-deep  
and everyone knows  
where the whiskey flows--  
Cigarette to flame,  
fingertips to quiet lips,  
a melody unbroken beneath  
the veil of whispering

*She's got that whiskey-blue sway*

Across the ballroom  
her eyes are invitations  
She wears these blues  
like a little black dress

Flowers peek  
from the tuck of curls,  
(all red and smiling)  
hips set to boogie and bass,  
a swing of taunt  
against eyes and their flight

And tonight patterns emerge  
from black and white  
as an un-masked clown  
sits dim in the corner,  
chasing the madness to glow

The smoke and music fills,  
unmoving in its sway;  
unlost within the depths of corners,  
we become poetry written  
on cocktail napkins  
and the rhythm that moves  
the night to a crawling groove.

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Apryl Skies, Los Angeles Author of *A Song Beneath Silence*, expresses a natural talent with poetry, photography and canvas capturing the sublime beauty of the world with a unique and lyrical voice. Skies highlights local poets for the Examiner.com and is hugely passionate about preserving the integrity of poetics in art, culture and community. Creating Edgar & Lenore's Publishing House and a greeting card line in 2008, this poet proves she has few limitations. Inspired by a wide range of writers, Skies expresses her devotion to the written word with a quiet intensity. From *A Song Beneath Silence*, *That Whiskey Blue Sway* was nominated for the 2010 Poem of the Year by *Muses Review*. While she is known mainly for her impressive verse, her more light-hearted pieces include fairy tales, amphigories, fables and juvenile rhyme. Skies continues to inspire having released her second collection, *Skye the Troll & Other Fairy Tales For Children* in October of 2010. Please visit her website @ [www.EdgarAllanPoet.com](http://www.EdgarAllanPoet.com)

