Lamplight

Jump, Little Children

On the edge of the lamplight A little boy stays Close enough to be seen Far enough to be safe Sitting down in the lamplight A little boy's gaze Falters from the blank stars Fishes through the swollen haze Hiding out in the moonlight A little boy plays All alone in a crowd Firmly set in his ways Climbing back to the lamplight A little boy takes A last look, a last chance Gone away too afraid And he waits... And he waits... And he waits... For another chance Floating up in the limelight A little boy weighs Half as much as he did When he was offstage Crashing down in the lamplight A little boy razed Every hope that he had Every dream that he chased Slipping back to the lamplight A little boy waits Waterfalls down his cheeks A last wish too late On the edge of the lamplight A little boy stays Close enough to be seen Far enough to be safe