## Sheila Nicholls, Patience

Patience
a silent virture
i don't want to hurt you
reflex to old imprinting
your eyes are squinting
and it seems
i'm not what you wanted me to be
now i know i'm not what i said that i was
i just wanted this to be true
im not sure where i went
but you deserve someone more innocent

i searched for reasons to it
four seasons through it
you came quite unexpected
so unprotected
and it seems i'm not what you wanted me to be
now i know i'm not what i said that i was
i just wanted this to be true
im not sure where i went
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i'll just prove to myself
that i cannot be trusted
maybe i'm too much like my father
and if you knew him you would know he's still searching for his mother
and every other but mine
whatever is still searching in him
is still searching in me
cuz i'm still looking for here
albeit vicariously

we spoke with such conviction imprisoned freedom