

ILLUSIONS

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C9 **Fmaj7/C** **C9** **Fmaj7/C**
Power is illusion that whispers in the wind
Em7 **Am7/G**
Seeking to take my confusion
 D7sus4 **D7/9** **Fm6** **G/D**
And lead me to battles I can't hope to win.
 C9 **Fmaj7/C** **C9** **Fmaj7/C**
In moonlight glowing softly, in starlight I can see
Em7 **Am7/G**
Patterns there waiting for shaping
 D7sus4 **D7/9** **Fm6** **G/D**
To take you and hold you and bind you to me.

Em7 **Am7/G**
I have fought half a lifetime
Em7 **Am7/G**
To hold back the night,
 D7sus4 **Fm6** **Em**
So how could this time be the right time
 D7sus4 **Fm6** **G**
To turn to a thing that I'd fight?

Power calls for payment, but the price can be too high,
For the price I have paid to defend you
Has left me a ruin and left me a lie.
I see you as you're sleeping, moonlight in your hair.
Not knowing the secret I'm keeping
And knowing you'd run if you dreamt it were there.

 I could force you to love me
 With patterns of light and of air.
 And I look at the moon shine above me
 And I know that I can't make you care.

I did not fight the darkness to take what isn't mine,
So please keep on thinking me heartless
And don't take a moment to e'er look behind
This old mask I am wearing that hides a ruined man.
Keep thinking I'm long since past caring
For I know, if you saw, that no girl like you can.

I was sitting in Phil and Lissa's living room one afternoon before the British folkcon. Gretchen had gone off to take a nap and our hosts were at work, when this song popped up in answer to "Behind the Mask". Apparently, there is a communications problem between our two protagonists...