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She's running in circles.  
She's suffocating  
There is nowhere to hide  
Everyone is watching her every move  
Waiting for her to break.  
They treat her delicately  
As if she were the victim.

She must stay because it's the right thing to do  
Be loving and supportive  
Be comfortable and accepting  
Weep silent tears yet smile as if nothing is wrong  
But she cannot  
Sometimes it is easier to run away from it all.

She returns  
She can finally breathe  
She is ready to be the person she needs to be  
Her head is clear  
But is it too late?  
Has the last stone been cast?

They turn away  
Disgusted with her selfishness  
Not impressed with her newfound strength.

But now she is stronger  
She can carry the onus  
And has awakened from the fairy tale  
That did not exist.