

# 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...*