

LESLIE RWIGYEMA

*Lament for a Monarch Butterfly*



i love you.  
your orange hues amaze me.  
*Please. Don't die.*



i adore you,  
God blessed you with speckles  
of white in the rim of your wings.  
*Please. Don't go.*



Even though I laid eyes on you  
for a mere second,  
I was hypnotized by your beauty.  
All butterflies are unique -  
but you, darling stand out amongst them all.

There will never be another like you.



Which is why  
I would even beg God,  
who decides to give and take away,  
to keep you for a little longer.  
The ones who haven't been born  
need to see how beautiful you are.



So please . . .  
*I love you.*  
*I adore you.*  
*Please. Don't die.*



*Please. Don't go.*