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Before I Knew How to Shine

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TYPE POETRY Before I knew how to stand,

I used to run

running away from everything I could not do

running away from the fears I did not want to face

Then I'd stop, look around, and stand

Let the fears run away and stand

Before I knew how to climb,

I used to fall

saying, "I'll do it tomorrow"

Those words just turn to dust on a book you don't

know about

Coming to a hurdle, then just running back

or going under and getting a penalty

For something to work, you have to go over it

Something that comes easy is not worth it

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Before I knew how to shine,

I used to break

letting a fall get the best of me

not getting up, not fixing a tear

Breaking can shine if you know how

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