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C Em F G  
 Small in the plaza a lone figure stares  
 F C Am G  
 Young in her yearnings and old in her cares.  
 C Em F G  
 She doesn't have jewels, diamonds and rings  
 F G G C  
 But under her coat she has wings.

Crumbling sidewalks and drizzling skies  
 People brush past her with unseeing eyes  
 The veil of illusion like spiderweb clings  
 Under her coat she has wings.

C G  
 Cruel is the world that she is caught in,  
 F Em  
 Dreaming, her wings she has forgotten,  
 F C  
 Footsore as any mortal going,  
 F G  
 Lost here, she looks on me unknowing.

Cloaked in the dark her aloneness I chart  
 She thinks she is mortal; I might win her heart;  
 But keeping her crippled, the thought of it stings  
 Under her coat she has wings.

Under the stars alone I find her  
 Gazing on heaven, I remind her  
 Suddenly bursting to astound me  
 Wings like a beating heart around me...

Closing my eyes for a moment alone;  
 I needn't look up, I know well she has flown.  
 Her trench coat lies shed like the leaves the wind flings  
 Under her coat she had wings.

Creature of air myself I knew her;  
 Though I have wings I can't pursue her.  
 Her wings are white and shining feather  
 My wings are dark and gleaming leather—

Wishing I'd kissed her just once while I could,  
 Kneeling, I touch the last spot where she stood.  
 Love and compassion are bitter cruel things  
 Under her coat she had wings.

Indented lyrics are sung to bridge melody.

This song was inspired by Rory Miller, who told me about some graffiti he saw in North Portland (Oregon) about 1996 or so. I had the basic idea for it for a couple of years before I could make it come out evenly. My thanks to those who listened patiently to the early fragments.

As far as I know, Wings is Echo's Children's most-filked song, though Acts of Creation may give it a run for its money, and Under the Gripping Beast is coming up on the outside.

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