

**As Small as Stars by Will Murdock**

**MARY and GEORGE**

**MARY**

I did not mean to make fun.

**GEORGE**

It's not right, Mary, a shadow is supposed to stay in its place.

**MARY**

Now who's changed his tune?

**GEORGE**

My tune has not changed, my tune has...

**MARY**

Yes?

**GEORGE**

... Moved. Just like my shadow.

*(He goes about his wild movements.)*

**MARY**

George, please. You'll throw something out of joint.

**GEORGE**

I must catch him at it again. I fear he is trying to break away—that he might come back and take my place.

**MARY**

Please, get a hold of yourself. What will they think at work?

**GEORGE**

I intend to end this now. No shadow of mine is going to gallivant off in another direction without express written permission.

**MARY**

Oh, yes, George. Will you put him in time out?

**GEORGE**

It works for Michael.

**MARY**

George. I think you should lie down.

**GEORGE**

I will not lie down! I will not. Do not tell me I am dreaming Mary. I know what I saw.  
(MARY visibly bristles.)

**MARY**

(Deliberately.)

I know what you think you saw.

**GEORGE**

Do not. Do not be unkind, Mary. My shadow is coming undone. And if it is not... then I am coming undone.

(GEORGE crumples to the floor.)

**MARY**

Oh, George.

(She slowly walks to him and kneels beside.)

If you've come undone, I'll stitch you back together. If your shadow tries to run, we'll nail him to the floor.

**GEORGE**

I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I should not be this way. I know I should not be.

**MARY**

You can be any way you need.

**GEORGE**

But you should not have to see me this way.

**MARY**

(She grabs his cheeks and makes him look at her.)

I've been waiting to see you this way for a long, long time.