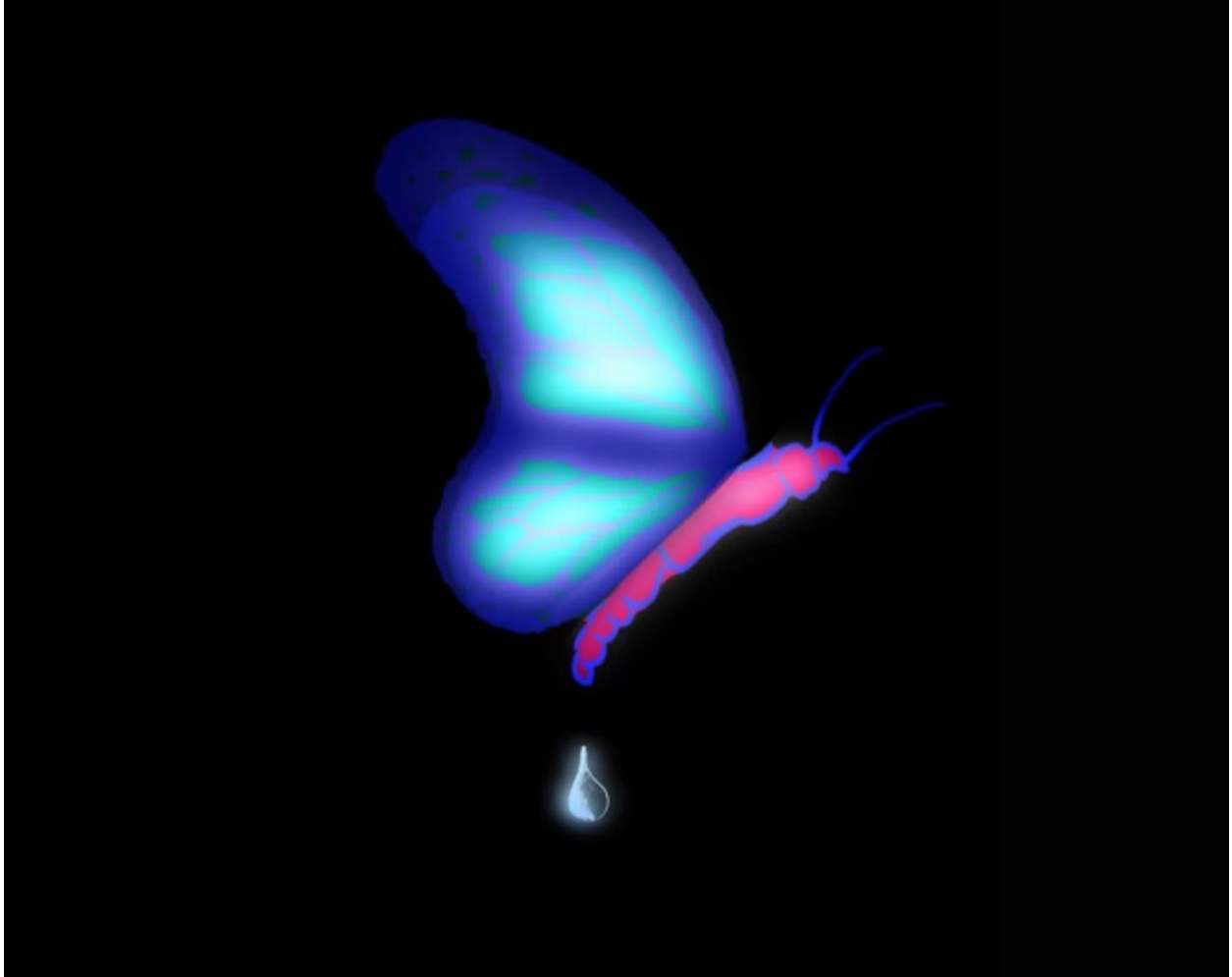


Butterfly FX by Emily Pelstring

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Butterfly FX is somewhere between a terrarium and a reliquary. The work offers a reflection on these two traditions of containment: the terrarium as an attempt to contain the wild, and the reliquary as an attempt to capture the metaphysical within the material. This particular stained-glass box contains a fantasy ecosystem in which fluorescent cartoons, fetish objects, and cheap craft materials writhe in a bioluminescent garden. Animated creatures traverse through egg-portals and create elixirs, an ice-phallus blooms with spring flowers, and guardian butterflies watch over the situation. Symmetrical planes of reflective glass frame the activity and refract the light toward an ambiguous space beyond the container.

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