## **Closed Doors**

When you grow up in a house that's not a home

You learn safety by paving lonely roads

Forced to keep to me,

My only confidant was sharing secrets with the trees

I don't know how they couldn't see

Money can only buy a smile meant for others to believe

I painted mine on so deep

It caused scars that only I am meant to grieve.

Childhood of closing doors

Echoing the pain lost in screaming wars

Receding into me

Sitting beneath the stars

The only moments I can attest to peace

She swore it was out of love

So I accepted the abuse for what it was

Not realizing her grievance against me

The contempt I received for being a mutant of her brother's genes

The adoption saved my life

She felt I owed her, and maybe she was right.

Though it's borderline

To convict me of sins committed before my time

The judgment fell on her

Karma only gives back what you feel you deserve

Now she pretends the past isn't real; consumed by guilt

Believing she nearly killed the one poor child she was meant to heal