

*Pause Between Wings* **Alina Shcherbakova**

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Digital photograph

A flash of blue in a sea of green. As the butterfly gently lands on a cluster of magenta blooms, its stillness mid-flutter sharpens the contrast between its vivid colors and the muted forest backdrop. This piece explores the harmony between delicacy and vibrancy, inviting viewers to pause and reflect on the quiet moments of beauty in nature—those that rarely ask for attention, but simply exist.

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