

Laura 2023

By the end of Scene Two
Emily
in the fourth row
imagines she is Laura.

Her voice is breathy,
her head is bowed,
and she trembles when the boy she loves
swaggers by her seat.

In long skirt
and denim jacket
she hides her self
from those who barely know she's there.

Longing for the last bell,
she dreams of the quiet of her bedroom where
she can be alone
save for treasured glass,
shimmering shards that soothe her
with their razor's edge.