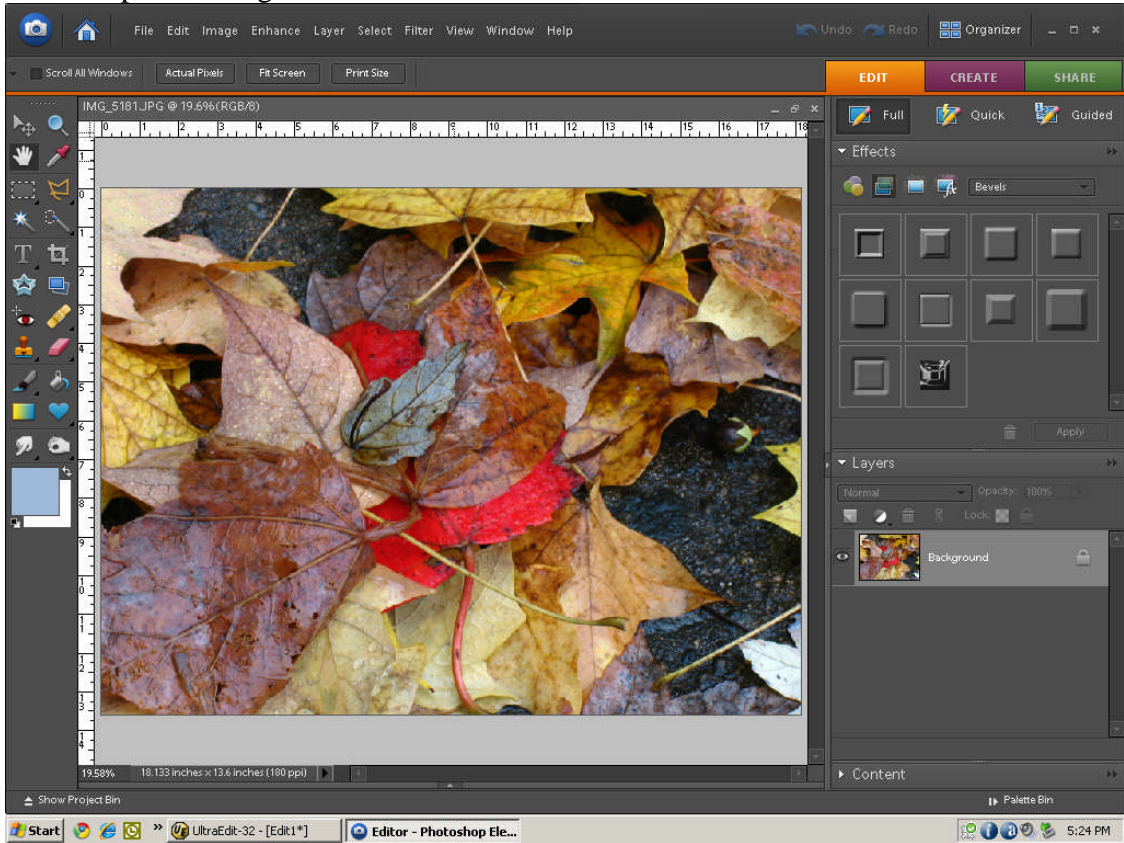
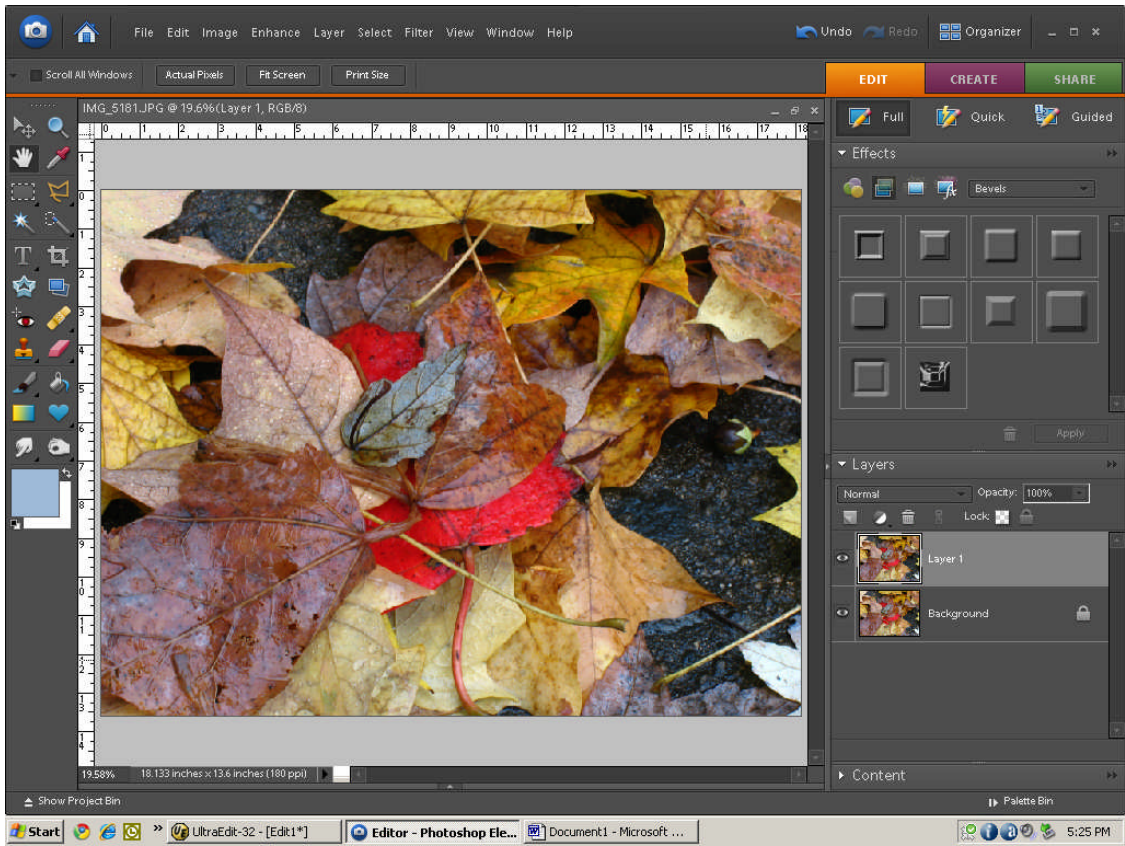


Nine-One Effect (near HDR?)

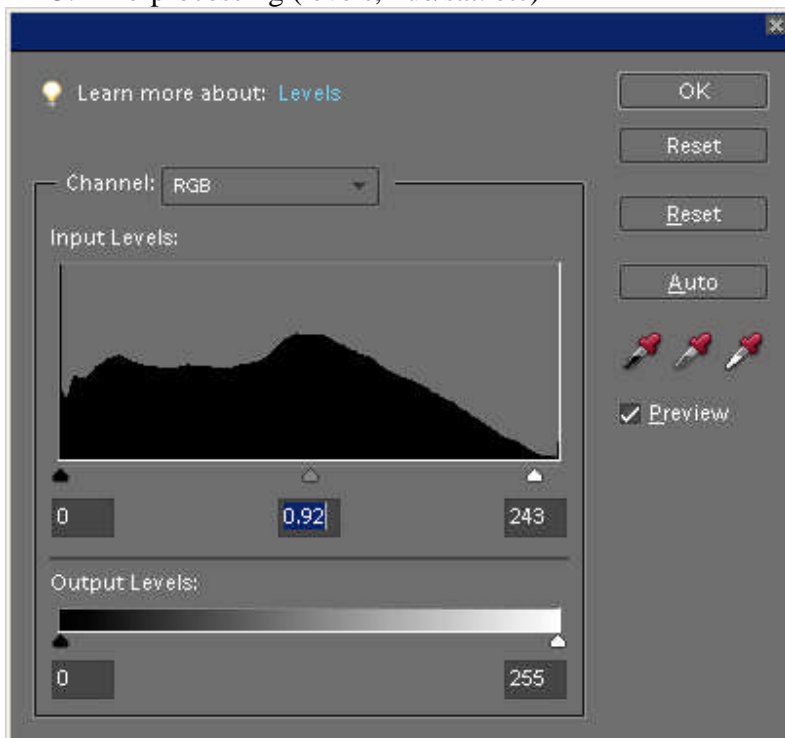
1. Open an image



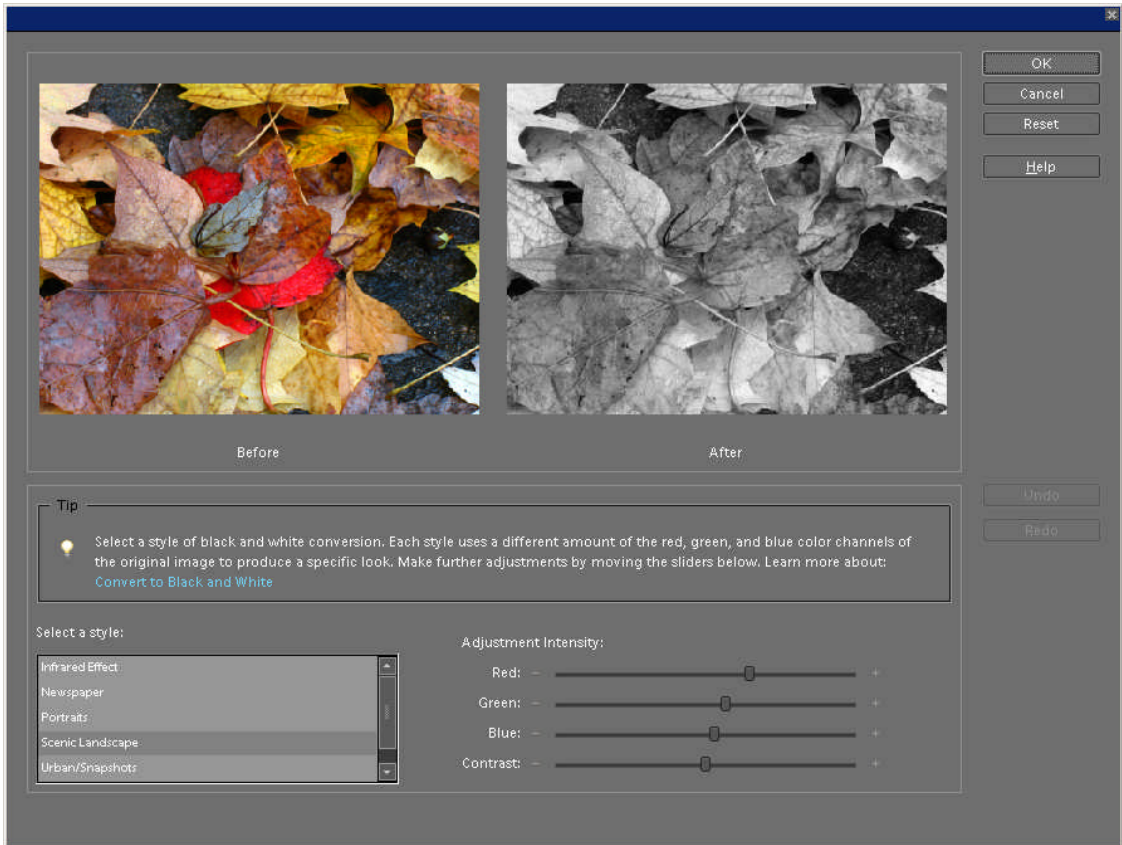
2. Duplicate the layer (ctrl j)



3. Pre-processing (levels, hue/sat. etc)

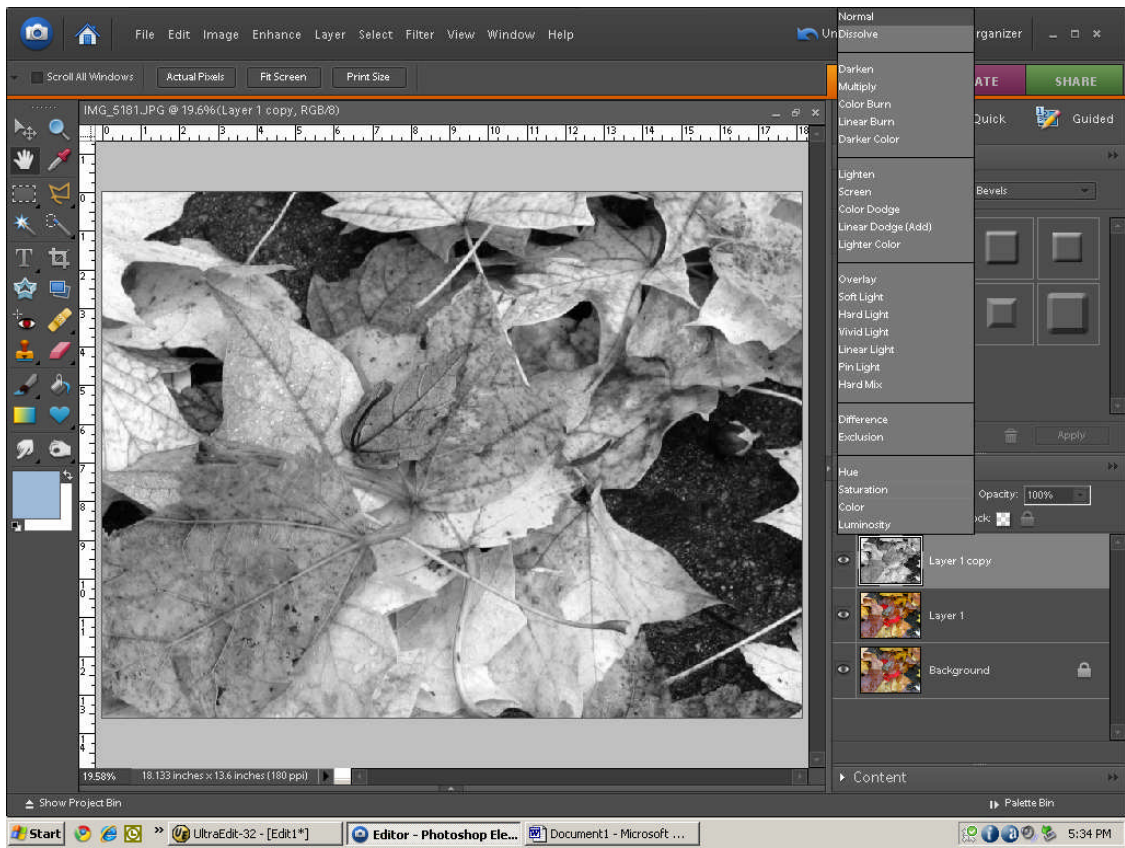


4. Duplicate the layer again (ctrl j)
5. Turn to Black and White (mono) go to:
Enhance -> Convert to Black and White...



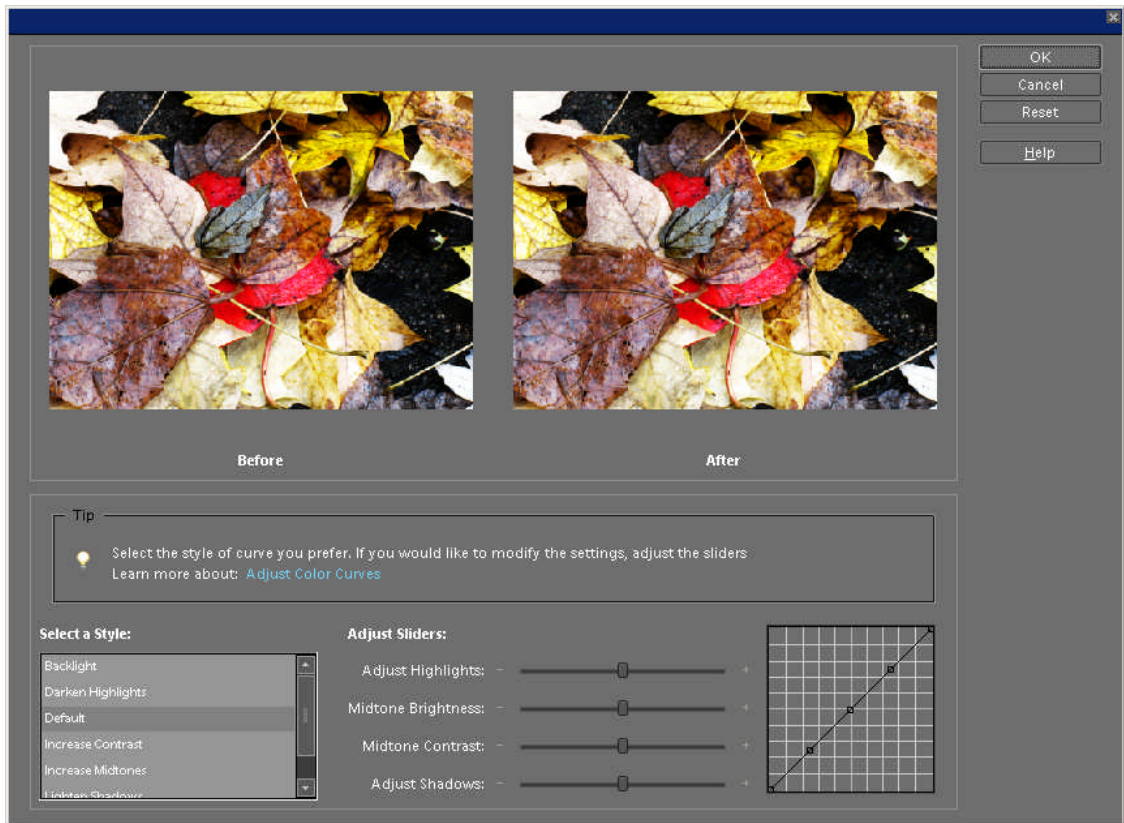
Select a Style (bottom left corner). Select either the Scenic Landscape or Vivid Landscape (whichever will produce a lighter black and white). In this case I went with the Vivid. And click ok.

6. Blend Mode (Pick either Overlay or Soft Light (try any of the other if you like...))

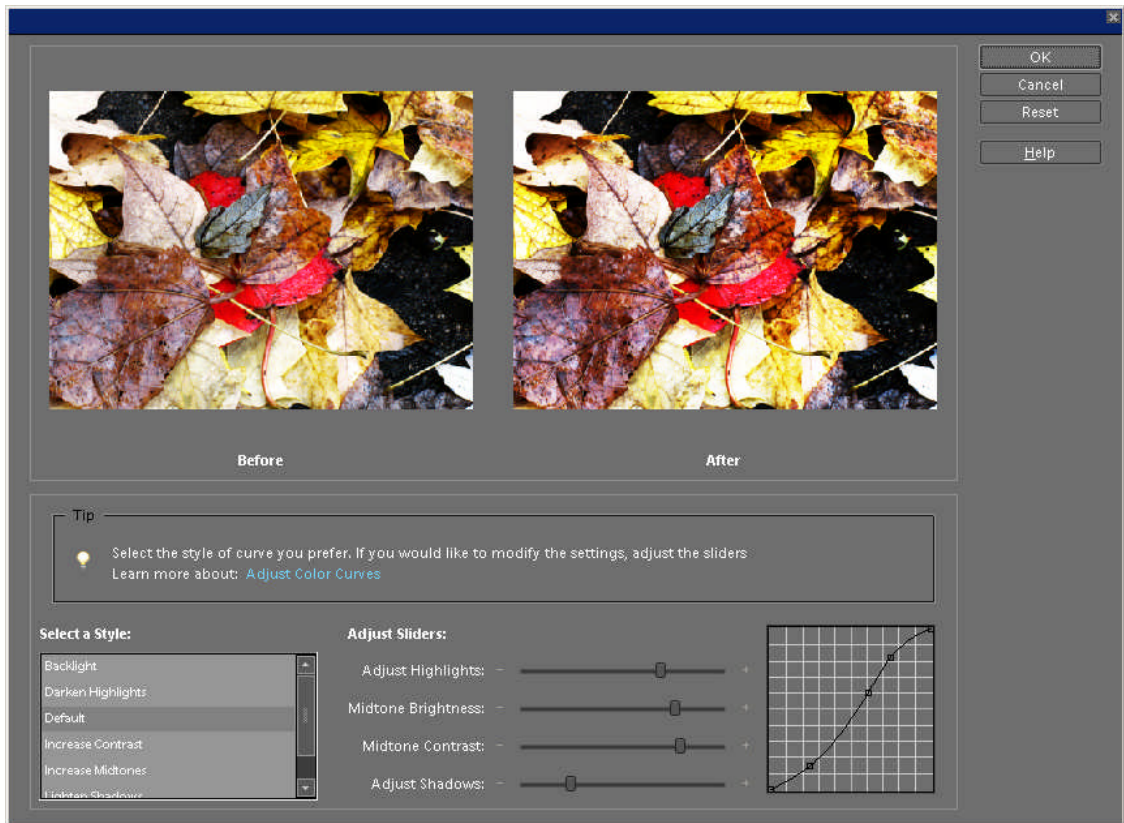


Click on the bottom layer (Background) and turn it off (click on the eye).
Click back on the top layer.

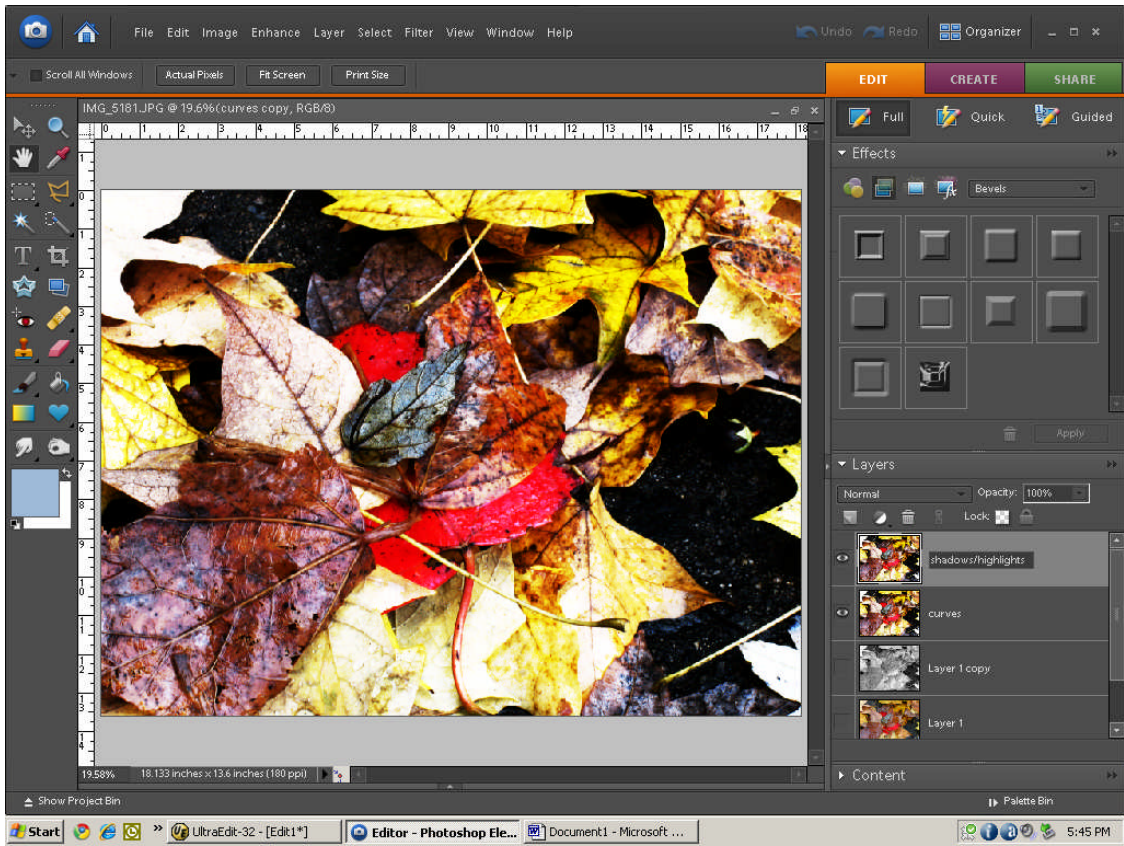
7. PRESS the following keys at once. CTRL, ALT, SHIFT and E, this will combine the bottom two layers into one. Call this layer Curves.
8. Go to Enhance -> Adjust Color -> Adjust Color Curves



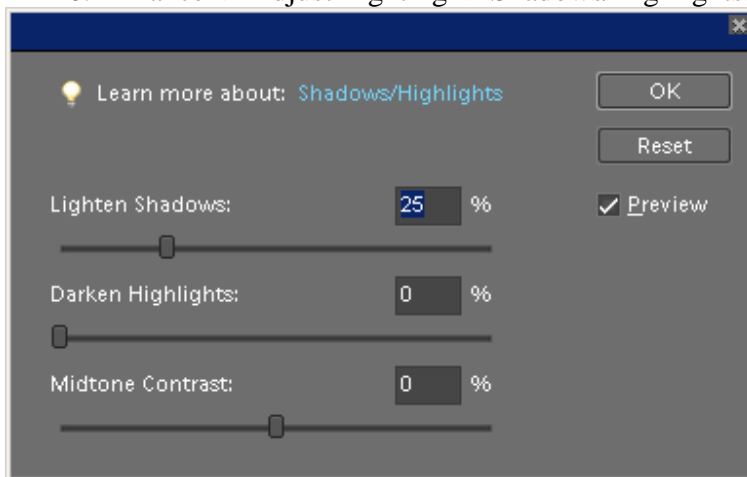
Move the Adjust sliders to get a gentle S like shape, Adjust as needed



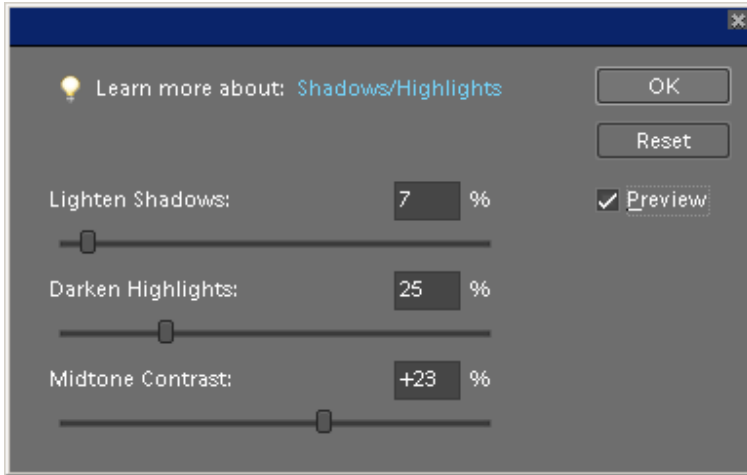
9. CTRL J to duplicate the 'Curves' layer and call this layer Shadows/Highlights



10. Enhance -> Adjust Lighting -> Shadows/Highlights.



Move sliders for your taste.



And there you have it.

