Flinch

Benza

What's it been over a decade?
It still smarts like it was four minutes ago
We only influenced each other totally
We only bruised each other even more so
What are you my blood?
You touch me like you are my blood
What are you my dad?
You affect me like you are my dad
How long can a girl be shackled to you?
And how long before my dignity is reclaimed?
And how long can a girl stay haunted by you?
Soon I'll grow up and I won't even flinch at your name
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Where have you been? I heard you moved to my city
My brother saw you somewhere downtown
I'd be paralyzed if I ran into you
My tongue would seize up if we were to meet again
What are you my God?
You touch me like you are my God
What are you my twin?

You affect me like you are my twin
How long can a girl be tortured by you?
And how long before my dignity is reclaimed?
And how long can a girl be haunted by you?
Soon I'll grow up and I won't even flinch at your name
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So here I am, one room away from where I know you're standing
A well-intentioned man told me you just walked in
This man knows not of how this information has affected me
But he knows the color of the car I just drove away in
What are you my kin?
You touch me like you are my kin
What are you my air?
You affect me like you are my air
And how long can a girl be tortured by you?
And how long before my dignity is reclaimed?
And how long can a girl be haunted by you?
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