Second Family Portrait

Radical Face

My life started slow In a town of idle minds Where daydreams filled the space Between our simple dramasAnd my mom was strange But she'd always liked to sew And my clothes smelled like The room I was born in And my dad calm Never used two words when one'd do And my brother's hands were mischief bent With no will to stop 'emAnd on the whole We lived simply and day-to-day Our fears were trivial They always died with every sunset When I was twelve My affliction came to light And I was told that some things I heard Were only there in my headBut I couldn't tell Which were real and which were now And the question loomed over all I did Whether I could trust itAnd I guess over time It became too much And I was sent away At my mom's behest 'cause she'd grown to fear meNow I live up north In the house for the broken heads And my father comes and visits me Whenever he can afford it Sometimes at night When the voices quiet down I find I hope that I am missed And that they haven't forgot me

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