

# The Photographer's Daughter

## The Narrative

Sparing her teeth  
the curve of her smile  
is sharing the blame And what a relief  
it is to sign treaties  
over dinner at 8:15 And he asked for the end of the world  
cracking open the hearts of his girls  
And he asked for the end of her life  
when he battered the contracts his wife had adhered to  
for so many years  
and agreed to play prisoner  
for so many fears  
for herself and her children  
were swelling up inside The armaments fall  
he is breaching defenses  
with his stories of better times She'll try to recall  
tears that had salted the wounds  
that he left inside her mind And he asked for the end of the world  
cracking open the hearts of his girls  
And he asked for the end of her life  
when he begged for forgiveness despite all the reasons  
she could have denied  
his requests for a daughter  
and god knows she tried  
but he broke down inside her  
and settled his lies  
while she fervently listened  
she knew she wasn't right When all your photographs fade out  
I'll be the one who takes them down  
and the apologies you choose  
the only memories of you And he asked for the end of the world  
cracking open the hearts of his girls  
And he asked for the end of her life  
when he swept all the sorrow inside

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