

# Margaret Downe

Aidan Knight

margaret in the morning  
sleeping on her side  
tossin' men like nickles  
into an ever-rising tide

I guess she was a dentist  
before she fell in love  
freezin' leaden smiles  
just to give 'em up

oh oh oh  
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margaret at the office  
margaret at eighteen  
she said sit right down a minute  
she said lemme clean your teeth  
so we settled down in boseman  
in the corner of the world  
and we raised a couple children  
but we lost a little girl

oh oh oh  
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heartsick in montana we slowly grew apart  
the grocery clerk in moncton  
as you were dancing in the bar  
you rushed him to the courtroom  
before the bed was cold  
and defrosted out my windshield  
when you smile then lemme know

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many cavities pulling  
at our marriage's tender mouth  
and at the root of all the problems  
was a man across the canal  
margaret left the practice  
laid in '86  
and I left behind the mid-west  
and forgot we ever kissed

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I knew she changed her number  
but couldn't shake the cough  
the doctor gave her 6 weeks  
which only made her shrug it off  
resting in her 5th week  
I brought her buttercups

there was too much to say between us  
and I'd only fuck it up  
so I stared up at the ceiling  
and I held her little hands  
and you knew that I forgave you  
for making other plans

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