

# And Then You Smiled

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Just before you whispered yes  
All my hopes and dreams were shaking  
At the edge of emptiness  
I was certain you'd be tender  
As you turned my love away  
But then you smiled  
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I could feel my heart beat louder  
And my fingers turned to ice  
I had dared to say, "I love you"  
Now I'd have to pay the price  
Who was I; what could I offer  
Was I mad to even try  
But then you smiled  
Then you smiled  
Then, if such a thing is possible  
Your beauty seemed to grow  
And I don't remember breathing  
For a hundred years of so  
And though you had not spoken  
Still, you had not turned to go  
And then you smiled  
Then you smiled  
I was certain to survive it  
I was sure I'd love you still  
Even though I had not won you  
I'd had time to speak my fill  
Then you took my hand and held it  
And you whispered, "Yes, I will"  
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