

And Then You Smiled

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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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