

## **LOVER'S CHILD**

You won't remember me  
When you grow up. I loved you  
In my way, for being his.  
My name will not be mentioned  
(unless in heated exchange)  
And all will be as if it never was.  
Image of your daddy, baby girl.  
Wished you were ours, I confess.  
Stayed with her because of you,  
Knew he would. Not the type  
Of man to leave his family.  
That's why I loved him,  
Why I lost. Had to tell you  
What we'd done, she made him.  
Couldn't forgive her for that.  
Pictured your face; he was broken.  
Next time you saw me,  
You ran. Don't remember.

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