



Let's end this. Now.

Sexual Violence Prevention Campaign

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Refusal

"No" is a two-letter word
An orb of fire
Concealed in a cracked glass.
As his fingers tremble with the spider web of injury
Her eyes water with insurmountable memory
And his fingers release
Pitfalling the embers into oblivion
With his eyes closed.

Movement

Before your lips meet mine
Check my pulse.
Before the clothes fall
Watch the flutter of my eyelids
And the patter of my eyelashes for the slightest sign of a whisper
The difference between right and wrong
Two letters
Or three
All resting on your judgement.

Quotation

"I like your shirt"
Is not permission.
"What's your name?"
Is not an invitation.
"I only wear this dress to parties"
Is not a suggestion.
And "I'm too drunk"
Is far from a free pass.