a photograph and a whisper will find me in the night like the sound of sad dogs wishing they could cry it's something only we know underneath street lights shadows make things easy so i made you mine this would be so simple if you were fast asleep and all the bottles you throw they would be lost at sea and you could take my letters and rearrange the words you could read them backwards until you liked what you heard if i could know what they know then we could sell this gold and i could wear your halo when the nights grow cold and you could wish my child's eyes would turn to clouds and part and i could wish that i lied when i said i lost your heart so long the days that melt away so loud the words you could not say if only last december had stayed beneath the snow i hear your muffled laughter after the curtains close you the sound of night winds in the dark you grope trying to find some likeness under my wrinkled clothes so long the days that melt away so loud the words you could not say