

# Thumbs

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You hung up the phone  
And I asked you what was wrong  
Your dad has come to town  
He'd like to meet  
I said "You don't have to see him"  
But for whatever reason you can't tell him no

So we meet him at a bar  
You were holding my hand hard  
He ordered rum and coke  
I can't drink either anymore  
He hadn't seen you since the fifth grade  
Now you're nineteen and you're five-eight  
He said "Honey, you sure look great  
Do you get the checks I send on your birthday?"

I would kill him  
If you let me  
I would kill him  
Quick and easy  
Your nails are digging  
Into my knee  
I don't know  
How you keep smiling

I love your eyes  
And he has them  
But you have his  
'Cause he was first  
I imagine my thumbs on the irises  
Pressing in until they burst

I clear my throat  
And say we ought to get home  
He offers us a ride  
I reply "No, that's alright"  
When we leave  
You feel him watching  
So we walk a mile in the wrong direction

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I wanna take your face between my hands and say  
"You two are connected by a pure coincidence  
Bound to him by blood, but baby, it's all relative  
You've been in his fist ever since you were a kid

But you don't owe him shit even if he said you did  
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