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This is my father.
He is weary and wasted.
He is peering deep
into the lens
with those dull,
lifeless eyes.
His bags droop down
his aging face
resembling oozing wax
from a dying candle.
He is hiding something
but his voice is weighed
down by pain and regret.
He is too afraid to speak.

Here is my mother.
She is calm and blissful.
Her broad, gleaming smile
shouts out the happiness
within her.
She is wearing her
wedding ring on her left hand,
while the other tightly grasps
on to my father's,

joined together like
two links in a chain.
She is clueless and naive.
She does not know that
my father will soon
break her heart.

My mother will become enraged.
She will slap his face.
She will toss the ring
across the room.
My father will then leave.
He will get into another
woman's car.
We won't ever see him again.
He will be gone.

This is me.
I'm in the corner.
I'm playing with
my barbie doll.
My life will no longer
feel perfect.
Things will get tough.
He does not know that
I will never forgive him.

-Jenny Chen