Orion's Daughters

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Orion’s daughters had names, which were Rhonda and Kathleen. They made the story smaller by existing, by a red triple-decker. They lived in Fairfield, and made the story smaller. Did they make the story smaller? They made the story smaller. Did they wear their father’s work shirts? They wore their father’s work shirts. When they left, what was it like? When they left, it was like nothing. When they left, they took with them the Ferris wheel and the skyline, and the space between land and sky and line and scape. What was the plague? They were the plague. What was the sacrifice? They were the sacrifice. Where are they now? Rumor says among crowds. Where are they now? Rumor says going blind, each in their middle age a cloud-eyed child. Where are they now? They’re under the ground.

It was never going to end well with them, that was what everyone said. Is that what everyone said? That’s what everyone said.