

## POETRY

### *The One He Never Married*

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*My friend once told me:*  
*“When could-haves and what-ifs*  
*knock on the door in your early eighties,*  
*When the last strands of hair on your sideburns*  
*have long turned snow white,*  
*When your legs can’t bear the weight,*  
*and your heart the sighs and pities,*  
*Don’t moan about her,*  
*the cookie in your hand*  
*has become*  
*too hard*  
*to bite.”*  
*Best wishes,*

### Author's Note



**Tedo Sharadenidze** is a 25-year-old scholar, teacher, and published author of poetry and prose from Batumi in western Georgia. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Humanities (English Studies) from Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University. During his undergraduate program, he studied for a year at the University of Alcalá de Henares in Madrid, Spain, in the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters.

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Tedo's writings mainly address the themes of alienation, indifference, eccentricity, internal conflict, childhood mirth, and the inability "to defy what fate has thrown at you." Tedo is motivated to write by the desire "to turn simple, day-to-day occurrences into something magical, something that would inspire others to put pen to paper."