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FARIDEH DE BOSSET

The world

The world is understood only by the eternals;
water, fire
wind
and sand,
patiently recording.

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ILONA MARTONFI

The White Ruffle Dress (Daughter)

My mom in her white dress with ruffles. Looking at the camera. Smiling –

It seems an ordinary picture, except this photograph was taken in July six years after Expo 1967 at the time of three little daughters, before my brother.

Leather furniture, Tiffany, tapestries.

Lilac. Apple trees.


How can I go to class? This morning father hit mother.

My childhood house in Anjou – Searching for red needle cushion, my mother sewed this dress herself. She is cutting a Vogue pattern.

I have been sorting some boxes my own daughter and I taking sewing lessons. Painting, cooking, baking blueberry pies.

My mom in her white dress with ruffles. Looking at the camera. Smiling.

Tell her, “I am happy with my husband. Don’t talk about the past!”

Digging up wild roses.

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