

AT THE END OF THE SWORD

my grandmother's neck, my
botany & altars, my kink, my
africanness, my father's hair, my
gospel, my wilderness & name, my
herbs, my sage & tea, my spice, my
good memory, my resistance, my
codes & distrust, my loose jaw, my
grandmother's grandmother's tongue, my
grandfather's grandfather's burros, my
land, my flesh hands, my spirits, my
poems, my place, my ceremonies, my
balance, my reason, my kin, my kin, my sins.