

Century

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She said her name was Century
She'd last a hundred years
I said I wouldn't keep that long
And on her face were tears

I put my fingers to her face
She pointed to a mosque
She said I come from over there
But over here I'm lost

She said her name was Century
I offered her my hand
She said I'm trying to give them up
I hope you understand

I shook my head and the sawdust fell
Across the bathroom floor
And in that tiny glimpse of hell
I knew what love was for

She said her name was Century
And then she disappeared
I think I know which way she went
I felt so bad I cared

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Someday I'll make her mine
But if you want to know the score
Just read between the lines