Marc Almond, She Took My Soul In Istanbul

Once in a night

I spent in Istanbul

I had a dream of a forbidden world

Where even angels

Fear to look upon

A place where all of love is doomed to die

Her face appeared

Through clouds of bitter wine

Sour as the morning's early hours

She took my hair

And she curled it around

Her fingers

I was but a fool for love

The scent of Turkish oils

Mixed with the harsh tobacco

In the overcrowded bar

Hashish

And cool mint in her hair

I was a fool for love

I was a fool

She sang to me

A torch song softly laced

With mysteries Arabian

It poisoned my mind

A sickness in my soul

I tried

I didn't want to hear at all

A curtain fell

Before my eyes I did

Succumb into her healing breast

She sang that song

I gave her all my soul

And my all

To the pleasures of the flesh

I cried that night

For those forsaken times

Those times when I was

Simply satisfied

I turned to dust

That night a thousand times

That night a thousand times I died inside

And through what's left

Of my sad life I hear

Her singing in the fevers of the night

Look into the mirror of my eyes

And tell me what you see

It's not your love I need

You'll see

Sorrow, tears and darkness

These are the pleasures

Beyond your dreams

I found myself

Down by the sea

A hundred years ago

When I was in my teens

And years go by

I turned into a man

My childhood trapped within the sand

I crawled through life

On broken glass through hell

It seems I wakened my desires

And woke one day

Wet with the sweat of fear

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As now with you I'll reveal your mother Come to me I'll take you to the safety of the womb Tell me your secrets Sorrow tears and darkness Pour out your heart Sorrow tears and darkness You'll be a fool A fool for love And hell had never seemed so good As when I lost my soul Became a fool for love Help me, please to find my way Look into the mirror of my eyes Your kiss has clouded up my mind And tell me what you see I was a fool, a fool for love It's not your love I need I cried for those forsaken times You'll see She took my soul in Istanbul Sorrow tears and darkness She left me on that night to die These are the pleasures beyond your dreams These are the pleasures beyond all my dreams I am lost Help me to find my way Here in a world where angels fear to gaze My love is doomed to die Alone tonight in Istanbul And I a fool

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