## Badlees, I'm Not Here Anymore

(Alexander)

You have reached
A number and a name
But I am gone
And won't be back again
If you wish
To leave a word or two
Here it is
You know what to do
Speak your mind, save yourself some time
That's what machines are for
But I'm not here anymore, I'm not here anymore

Had a friend
Who had a lady fair
Took his own life
Just to prove he cared
Now her and her new man
Yes, they're doing fine
On everything
He generously left behind
The note he left said, "Save your breath"
"Don't ask me what for"
I'm just not here anymore

Once upon a time
As the story's always told
The people bowed and prayed
Around a calf of gold
Now the weeds are taking over
Where the garden used to grow
Some things a man can conquer
Some things he must let go, some things he must let go

I have ruled
Over a cup and spoon
And I conclude
That the kingdom's doomed
And I have schemed
I have waited and prayed
Had my dreams
Attractively displayed
So if it's your time, speak your mind
That's what regimes are for
But I'm not here anymore

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