

Bob Lind, Mister Zero

Diamonds of silvery rain in the fountains
And ten cent red roses from department store counters
Watching the moonlight reflect off the river
Beside where the trains cross the bridge and slow down
Trains with white letters and black iron sides
And wild rushing water that all rolls away
Little Miss Someone does not want to stay
Everyone's moving with places to go
And Mister Zero, he sadly stands still
As the water goes one way, the train goes another
Mister Zero stands still and Miss Someone don't bother

The present moves out on the sunset's crescendo
And seagulls of dawn set their wings to the air
And fly without resting on outward bound breezes
To die where horizons are melting the dusk
The eyes of the summer are closing forever
The earth takes a breath to prepare for the fall
And Little Miss Someone won't pay for the call
The hand of the autumn undresses the trees
Mister Zero says please, help me up off my knees
Miss Someone is speaking, the world will believe her
Mister Zero just nods and hangs up the receiver

Yesterday's kiss will be cold by tomorrow
As campfires of midnight dissolve in the darkness
The room is deserted, the blinds have been drawn
Little Miss Someone has packed up and gone
Fast moving cars disappear down the highway
With signs that say hitchhikers do not disturb
Mister Zero looks quietly up from the curb
Morning has faded and shadows have grown
Little Miss Someone is on her way home
Mister Zero stands watching, her plane flies above
And with frostbitten hands waves goodbye to his love

Walks through the park on a bright summer Sunday
And tapestry kittens that hung on the wall
They all die in the air like a soft minor chord
A vacancy sign, a bulletin board
Mister Zero is wrapping his jacket around him
Speaking kind words that should have been said long ago
But Little Miss Someone does not want to know
The night is deserted, there's dust on the shelf
Mister Zero sits lonely and talks to himself
But it's too late to change, the fine line has been crossed
The charades are all done, Mister Zero has lost