

## Michael Peterson

### "Century Man"

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CENTURY MAN

THE SUN CAME UP JUST LIKE IT ALWAYS DOES  
SHINE DOWN BRIGHT ON THE TOWN  
SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN THE VIOLENCE AND THE  
GREED  
LOVE WAS TRYING HARD TO GAIN SOME GROUND  
NOBODY PAID ATTENTION NO ONE DID SEE  
THE WRITING THERE ON THE WALL  
THE VIRGIN MARY SHEDS ANOTHER TEAR  
TRAFFIC IS SLOWING TO A CRAWL

AND YOU WONDER IF YOU WILL BE FORGIVEN  
FOR THAT HOLE THAT YOU LEFT IN THE SKY  
WHAT WILL REMAIN FOR YOUR CHILDREN  
OTHER THAN TO CRY  
CENTURY MAN

DOWN BY THE RIVER WHERE THE BIG TURBINES WHINE  
THEIR PASSING OUT POTASSIUM IODIDE  
THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN BUT DON'T YOU MEAN  
TO SAY  
SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE SOMEBODY LIED  
STANDING ON TOP OF ALL YOU'VE ACHIEVED  
LOOKING FOR THE MEASURE OF YOUR WORTH  
IS IT ANIMALS EXTINCT WATER YOU can't DRINK  
OR BUILDINGS TO COVER UP THE EARTH

IT KEEPS ON GETTING HARDER TO TURN THE OTHER  
CHEEK  
WHEN CONTROVERSY IS HOWLING AT YOUR DOOR  
WHAT'S BAD IS GOOD WHAT'S GOOD IS BAD  
I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE  
A NASTY WIND IS BLOWING OUT OF THE EAST  
COLD ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU THE CHILLS  
THE GOOD SAMARITAN JUST GOT SUED  
I'M WESTBOUND AND HEADED FOR THE HILLS

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