

T Bone Burnett

"Earlier Baghdad (The Bounce)"

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I am not important
I am a broken man
Throw myself on your mercy
You who have wronged me

I built my life in vainglory
I lost sight of the light
Where, once, I walked down streets of gold
I stumble through the darkness

I offer you my broken image
On the altar of your hatred for me
It's a phantom, it is nothing
But it's all I have to give

Every word we say is crucial
A lie to avoid a lie
Can we bridge the gap between us?
Will you pray with me?

Could you use some quiet?
Can you perform an exorcism?
You've numbed you conscience with sanctimony
I numbed mine with narcissism

I surrender to you
You, who I so long despised
I will expect nothing
Believing you to be kind

Can you accept me, shattered?
Can you speak with one who is no one?
This must all be kept in context
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