

Love Never Acted

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You belong to the ages
Though no one knows who you are
You've given no speeches, nor won any wars
You aren't a diplomat settling scores
But I could never forget you
I'll write your name next to mine
We'll go down in history for nothing at all
But a love never acted upon

I belong to the city
I'll never live by the shore
I like bourbon on ice every now and again
And I hope you partake so this friendship could end
But you never elect to
You shake hands hello and goodbye
Yes, we'll go down in history for nothing at all
But a love never acted upon

I'm not suggesting that it would feel natural
Holding your hand or a kiss on your mouth
But I can't help wondering with every flirtation
What is it you want? What's this friendship about?

You belong to the sages
They predicted you'd never want more
You'd settle for years being careful and boring
Never taking a chance, it's your heart you're ignoring
But I will never forget you
I've written your name next to mine
Yes, we'll go down history for nothing at all
But a love never acted upon