

23.) Ten Minutes Ago

JORDAN

Ten minutes ago

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I saw a ship
Disappear into the ice
Watched people beg
Gamble for their life

Saw every light
Go dark but one
Heard dice fall
Saw what was done

Ten minutes

(looking toward the hotel.)

They're drinking
Dancing
Raising glasses
Laughing, cheering

I can't go in there
Share a toast, a joke
Pretend to care
I've seen too much

I need to know
Why did he seek me out
Why was I shown
All that happened there

If I take that job
Walk through that door
Sign my name
Like he did before

Will money make me blind
Are my choices predestined
Is my life designed
To follow his path

JORDAN (*cont.*)

Do I become him?
A man who crossed a line
Is my life his
Enmeshed, entwined

Is it warning
Or is it fate
I can still turn back
Before it is too late

(looking toward the hotel.)

Ten minutes ago
Knew what was in store

But who will I be if I go

What waits for me now
What happened to him
Does anyone know

(OLD DECKHAND appears, seemingly from nowhere.)