Decade And One

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Once when I was thirty one, I woke in the dead of night
And heard the vastness of the snowfall outside
Slipped downstairs in my bare feet, soon forgotten freezing
And pour a milk glass full to wait out the tideIt's been a decade and one
Been a decade and one, my friends
A decade and one, since IAs the white went down, I thought of the child upstairs
I thought of the God upstairs that I couldn't believe
I thought of the chosen man asleep on his side of the bed
How green becomes wood in a family treeBeen a decade and one
Been a decade and one, so soon
A decade and one, since I stood
So proud and so unsureEbony glowing by the window there as always
Fingers kissed the keys, oh so tenderly
Cool ivory returned in kindI thought of anger and adulation
And the taste of dreams realized
And the waste dreams realized leave behindDecade and one, a decade and one
I said out loud, a decade and one
And I am here and I am here still standing

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