## **Turpentine**

## **Vandaveer**

I crossed the tracks

I crossed the line

I doused my heart with turpentine

It stings a bit

I must admit

I wore too many coats but none that fitI've been squared

I've been around

I've been everywhere

I've been upside downBy sleight of hand

Or height of slander

I was damned to lead

But born to meanderIt's a solitary fare

It's a feast for thieves

When you dance with the devil

You don't walk scot-free noHold me to the fire

I'll weep and wilt

I'll scald the earth with the tears I spill

Brick by brick

Wall by wall

I'll make my clarion call with a wrecking ball

Stuck in the middle

Between fire and ice

Don't look like heaven waiting on either sideLock my wicked heart in this rickety cage

It ticks out of time, feels old for its age

I'll curse my blessings

I'll curse them twice

I'll file my nails and gouge out my eyes

I'll see the light

In a different shade

I won't fear the night when it's black as day noI crossed the tracks

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