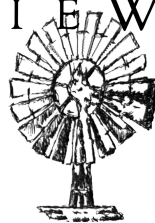


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# Promise

By Jack Cooper

Her hands looked old  
boney and bruised  
but her face young  
her cheeks blushed  
her eyes wandering

His hands felt young  
smooth and strong  
but his face had been greying  
a weak decision or two  
a forgotten promise  
a little drink

We should have been together  
he thought  
something old  
something new  
He watched her from his window seat  
as she got off the train  
No one was waiting for her