

Crossed Wires*

Hello central, what's the matter with this line? I wanna talk to that high brown of mine.

She
had a place in his life.
He
never made her think twice.
As he rises to
her apology
anybody else would surely know
he's watching her go;

Tell me how long will I have to wait?
Please give me two ninety eight, why do you hesitate?

but what a fool believes that he sees no wise man has the power to reason away. Oh, what you say, can't talk to my brown?
A storm last night blowed the wires all down.

What seems
to be
is always better than nothing
 and nothing at all
keeps sending him somewhere back in her long ago
where he can still believe there's a place in her life...
Someday, somewhere,
 she will return.

Now, tell me how long will I have to wait?
Oh, won't you tell me now, why do you hesitate?

What a fool believes that he sees no wise man has the power to reason away.

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