

Closed Circuits

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Well I know who you are, baby.
I've seen you go into that meditative state.
You're the snake charmer, baby.
And you're also the snake.
You're a closed circuit, baby.
You've got the answers in the palms of your hands.

Well I saw a blind Judge
And he said: I know who you are
And I said: Who?
And he said: You're a closed circuit, baby.
He said: The world is divided into two kinds of things.
There's luck, and there's the law.
There's a knock on wood that says: IT MIGHT.
And there's the long arm of the law that says: IT'S RIGHT.
And it's a tricky balancing act between the two because both are equally true.
'Cause might makes right
And anything could happen. Che sarà sarà. Am I right?

Who? Do. Who? do.
Who do you love?

Well I saw a couple of hula dancers just hula-ing down the street.
And they said: Well I wonder which way the tide is gonna roll tonight?
And I said: Hey hold up hula dancers! You know the tide's gonna roll out
And then it's gonna roll right back in again.
'Cause it's a closed circuit, baby. We got rules for that kind of thing.
And you know the moon is so bright tonight.

Who? Do. Who? Do.
And don't think I haven't seen all those blind Arabs around. I've seen 'em around.
And I've watched them charm that oil right out of the ground.
Long black streams of that dark electric light.
And they said: One day the sun went down and it went way down, into the ground.
And three thousand years go by and we pump it right back up again.
'Cause it's a closed circuit, baby.
We can change the dark into the light and vice versa.

Well I know who you are, baby.
I've watched you count yourself to sleep.
You're the shepherd, baby.
And you're also one, two, three hundred sheep. I've watched you fall asleep.

Well I was up real late last night.
Must have just dropped off to sleep.
'Cause I saw you were crying, baby.
You were crying in your sleep.
You're the snake charmer, baby. And you're also a very long snake.
You're a closed circuit, baby.
You've got the answers in the palms of your hands.