Doesn't Lenny Live Here Anymore

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You laugh at the people

Who walk outside on the sidewalk

And you talk to yourself so much

When you see other people you can't talk This time it's true

The charade is through

And you can't seem to run away from you

Away from youAnd the haggard ex-lover of a long-time loser

Stands dejectedly by the door

Doesn't Lenny live here anymore?

Are you sure?You sit at the desk

To lose your life in a letter

But the words don't seem to come

And you know that they're [unverified] betterAnd it's all so strange

Pictures lose their frame

And I'll bet you never guessed

There was so much pain

So much painUntil the haggard

Ex-lover of a long-time loser

Stands dejectedly by the door

Doesn't Lenny live here anymore?

Are you sure? The moon, she shines too soon and simply sadly

You loved your love so much that you'd strangle her madly

And it's all so slow time has ceased to flow

And the whistling whore knows something you don't knowAnd the haggard ex-lover of a long-time loser

Stands dejectedly by the door

Doesn't Lenny live here anymore?

Are you sure?You swore you'd store your love for one time only

Now you searched the books in vain

For better word for lonely

And you're torn apart no other love will start

And you, you'd like to steal a happy heart A happy heart

Then the haggard ex-lover of a long-time loser

Stands dejectedly by the door

Doesn't Lenny live here anymore?

Are you sure? The fat official smiles

At the pass on the border

And the hungry broom makes

Sure that the room is in orderYou pull the shade

All the beds are made

As your lips caress The razor of the blade Of the bladeAnd the haggard ex-lover of a long-time loser Stands dejectedly by the door Doesn't Lenny live here anymore? Are you sure? The soul of the sun shines Just outside of the winter The shoulders charged The boards of the barricade Is splinteredNow at last alone The flashlight is shown Hello inside is there anybody home? Anybody home?It's the haggard ex-lover of a long-time loser Standing dejectedly by the door Doesn't Lenny live here anymore? Are you sure? Are you sure? Are you sure?

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