

# I Am a Rock

## Red House Painters

A winter's day in a deep and dark December  
I am alone gazing from my window  
To the streets below  
On a freshly fallen silent shroud of snow I am a rock, I am an island I've built walls a fortress deep and mighty  
That none may penetrate  
I have no need of friendship, friendship causes pain  
It's laughter and loving I disdain I am a rock, I am an island Don't talk of love but I've heard the word before  
It's sleeping in my memory  
I won't disturb the slumber of the feelings that have died  
If I never loved, I never would have cried I am a rock, I am an island I have my books and my poetry to protect  
me  
I am shielded in my armor  
Hiding in my room, safe within my womb  
I touch no one and no one touches me I am a rock, I am an island And a rock feels no pain  
And an island never cries

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