## **Solitude Standing**

## Suzanne Vega

Solitude stands by the window She turns her head as I walk in the room I can see by her eyes, she's been waiting

Standing in the slant of the late afternoonAnd she turns to me with her hand extended Her palm is split with a flower with a flameSolitude stands in the doorway

And I'm struck once again by her black silhouette

By her long cool stare and her silence

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And she says 'I've come to lighten this dark heart'

And she takes my wrist, I feel her imprint of fear

And I say 'I've never thought of finding you here'And I turn to the crowd as they're watching They're sitting all together in the dark in the warm

I wanted to be in there among them

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