Last Year's Troubles

Suzanne Vega

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The robber on the highway the pirate on the seas

Maybe it's the clothing that's so entertaining

The earrings and swashbuckling blouses that pleaseHere we have heroes of times that have passed now

But nobody these days has that kind of chin

Over there the petticoats of ladies of virtue

You can hardly tell them from the petticoats of sinLast year's troubles

Last year's troublesLook at all the waifs of Dickensian England

Why is it their suffering is more picturesque?

Must because their rags are so very Victorian

The ones here at home just don't give it their bestLast years troubles they shine up so prettily

They gleam with a luster, they don't have today

'Cause here it's just dirty and violent and troubling

ExtraLast year's troubles

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Sometimes we wonder is there more now, or less?

If we had a tool or could tally the handfulls

Measure for measure it's the same would be my guessLast year's troubles

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