

# Recitation

## Leonard Cohen

You came to me this morning  
And you handled me like meat  
You'd have to be a man to know  
How good that feels, how sweet

My mirror twin, my next of kin  
I'd know you in my sleep  
And who but you would take me in  
A thousand kisses deep

I loved you when you opened  
Like a lily to the heat  
You see I'm just another snowman  
Standing in the rain and sleet

Who loved you with his frozen love  
His secondhand physique  
With all he is and all he was  
A thousand kisses deep

I know you had to lie to me  
I know you had to cheat  
To pose all hot and high  
Behind the veils of sheer deceit

Our perfect porn aristocrat  
So elegant and cheap  
I'm old but I'm still into that  
A thousand kisses deep

I'm good at love, I'm good at hate  
It's in between I freeze  
Been working out but it's too late  
(It's been too late for years)

But you look good, you really do  
They love you on the street  
If you were here I'd kneel for you

A thousand kisses deep

The autumn moved across your skin  
Got something in my eye  
A light that doesn't need to live  
And doesn't need to die

A riddle in the book of love  
Obscure and obsolete  
And witnessed here in time and blood  
A thousand kisses deep

But I'm still working with the wine  
Still dancing cheek to cheek  
The band is playing Auld Lang Syne  
But the heart will not retreat

I ran with Diz, I sang with Ray  
I never had their sweet  
But once or twice they let me play  
A thousand kisses deep

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A thousand kisses deep

But you don't need to hear me now  
And every word I speak  
It counts against me anyhow  
A thousand kisses deep

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