

# Alanis Morissette, Surrendering

you were full and fully capable  
you were self sufficient and needless  
your house was fully decorated in that sense

you were taken with me to a point  
a case of careful what you wish for  
but what you knew was enough to begin

and so you called and courted fiercely  
so you reached out, entirely fearless  
and yet you knew of reservation and how it serves

and I salute you for your courage  
and I applaud your perseverance  
and I embrace you for your faith in the face of adversarial forces  
that I represent

so you were in but not entirely  
you were up for this but not totally  
you knew how arms length-ing can maintain doubt

and so you fell and you're intact  
so you dove in and you're still breathing  
so you jumped and you're still flying if not shocked

and I support you in your trusting  
and I commend you for your wisdom  
and I'm amazed by your surrender in the face of threatening forces  
that I represent

you found creative ways to distance  
you hid away from much through humor  
your choice of armor was your intellect

and so you felt and you're still here  
and so you died and you're still standing  
and so you softened and you're still safely in command

self protection was in times of true danger  
your best defense to mistrust and be wary  
surrendering a feat of unequalled measure  
and I'm thrilled to let you in  
overjoyed to be let in in kind