

# Suzanne Vega, Marlene On The Wall

Even if I am in love with you  
All this to say, what's it to you?  
Observe the blood, the rose tattoo  
Of the fingerprints on me from you

Other evidence has shown  
That you and I are still alone  
We skirt around the danger zone  
And don't talk about it later

Marlene watches from the wall  
Her mocking smile says it all  
As the records the rise and fall  
Of every soldier passing

But the only soldier now is me  
I'm fighting things I cannot see  
I think it's called my destiny  
That I am changing

Marlene on the wall

I walk to your house in the afternoon  
By the butcher's shop with the sawdust strewn  
"Don't give away the goods too soon"  
Is what she might have told me

And I tried so hard to resist  
When you held me in your handsome fist  
And reminded me of the night we kissed  
And of why I should be leaving

Marlene watches from the wall  
Her mocking smile says it all  
As the records the rise and fall  
Of every man who's been here

But the only one here now is me  
I'm fighting things I cannot see  
I think it's called my destiny  
That I am changing

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