

# Love Is Just a Four-Letter Word

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Seems like only yesterday  
I left my mind behind  
Down in the Gypsy Cafe  
With a friend of a friend of mine  
Who sat with a baby heavy on her knee  
Yet spoke of life most free from slavery  
With eyes that showed no trace of misery  
A phrase in connection first with she occurred  
That love is just a four-letter word  
Outside a rattling store-front window  
Cats meowed to the break of day  
Me, I kept my mouth shut,  
To you I had no words to say  
My experience was limited and underfed  
You were talking while I hid  
To the one who was the father of your kid  
You probably didn't think I did, but I heard  
You say that love is just a four-letter word I said goodbye unnoticed  
Pushed forth into my own games  
Drifting in and out of lifetimes  
Unmentionable by name  
Searching for my double, looking for  
Complete evaporation to the core  
Though I tried and failed at finding any door  
I must have thought that there was nothing more  
Absurd than that love is just a four-letter word  
Though I never knew just what you meant  
When you were speaking to your man  
I can only think in terms of me  
And now I understand  
After waking enough times to think I see  
The Holy Kiss that's supposed to last eternity  
Blow up in smoke, it's destiny  
Falls on strangers, travels free  
Yes, I know now, traps are only set by me  
And I do not really need to be  
Assured that love is just a four-letter word

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