

## Jane Siberry

# "Symmetry (The Way Things Have To Be)"

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Or say you're in a room  
And there's a beautiful fire  
And you're looking out the window  
(At the snow and the winter streets below)  
But your eyes keep returning to the fire

This is what I'm thinking  
The reason your eyes keep returning to the fire  
Is because it divides your sight  
Into left and right, and dark and light and dark  
Like a fine dividing wire

Here's another thing  
That I noticed last night  
When he kissed me over there  
He usually kissed me over here, too

I must have known it in my heart  
And with my inner sense of art  
Because when I kiss him over there  
I never kiss him over here

It's the way of the world  
People do it everywhere  
If you're going to do it over here  
Then usually they do it over there too

Symmetry is the way things have to be  
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Or say you're at a table  
And you have your forks and knives  
Do you move them around  
'Til you get them just right?  
(This is while you're talking to someone)

Or you work in a nightclub  
And you notice that  
Even though you try to seat everyone on one side of  
the room  
They always spread themselves out evenly from this  
side to that

Like atoms in a model

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People do it everywhere  
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Then usually they do it over there too

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Or say you're in an air show  
And you're flying with two other pilots  
And you want to do it right  
Because you like to do it right

And one guy is flying  
At the tip of your left wing  
And the other guy's off  
Doing his own thing  
Would it bother you?  
It bothers me

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