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"Love Minus Zero/No Limit"

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My love, she speaks like silence
Without ideals or violence
She doesn't have to say, she's faithful
Yet she's true like ice like fire

People carry roses
Make promises by the hours
My love laughs like the flowers
Valentines can't buy her

In the dime stores and bus stations
People talk of situations
Read books, repeat quotations
Draw conclusions on the wall

Some speak of the future
My love she speaks softly
She knows, there's no success like failure
And that failure's no success at all

The cloak and dagger dangles
Madams light the candles
In ceremonies of the horsemen
Even the pawn must hold a grudge

Statues made of match sticks
Crumble into one another
My love winks, she doesn't bother
She knows too much to argue or to judge

The bridge at midnight trembles
The country doctor rambles
Bankers' nieces seek perfection
Expecting all gifts that wise men bring

The wind howls like a hammer
The night blows cold and rainy
My love, she's like some raven
At my window with a broken wing

