

Leonard Cohen

"Love Calls You By Your Name"

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You thought that it could never happen
To all the people that you became
Your body lost in legend, the beast so very tame

But here, right here
Between the birthmark and the stain
Between the ocean and your open vein
Between the snowman and the rain
Once again, once again
Love calls you by your name

The women in your scrapbook
Whom you still praise and blame
You say they chained you to your fingernails
And you climb the halls of fame

Oh but here, right here
Between the peanuts and the cage
Between the darkness and the stage
Between the hour and the age
Once again, once again
Love calls you by your name

Shouldering your loneliness
Like a gun that you will not learn to aim
You stumble into this movie house
Then you climb, you climb into the frame

Yes and here, right here
Between the moonlight and the lane
Between the tunnel and the train
Between the victim and his stain
Once again, once again
Love calls you by your name

I leave the lady meditating
On the very love which I, I do not wish to claim
I journey down the hundred steps
But the street is still the very same

And here, right here
Between the dancer and his cane

Between the sailboat and the drain
Between the newsreel and your tiny pain
Once again, once again
Love calls you by your name

Where are you Judy? Where are you Anne?
Where are the paths your heroes came?
Wondering out loud as the bandage pulls away
Was I, was I only limping, was I really lame?

Oh here, come over here
Between the windmill and the grain
Between the sundial and the chain
Between the traitor and her pain
Once again, once again
Love calls you by your name

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