

Leonard Cohen

"Recitation with N.L."

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lyrics (as sung live in London, 2009)

You came to me this morning and you handled me like
meat. You'd have to be a man to know how good that
feels, how sweet. My mirrored twin, my next of kin, I'd
know you in my sleep and who but you would take me
in,

a thousand kisses deep.

I loved you when you opened like a lily to the heat, you
see I'm just another snowman standing in the rain and
sleet, who loved you with his frozen love, his second
hand physique, with all he is, and all he was,

A thousand kisses deep.

I know you had to lie to me, I know you had to cheat, to
pose all hot and high behind the veils of sheer deceit,
our perfect porn aristocrat so elegant and cheap, I'm
old but I'm still into that,

A thousand kisses deep.

I'm good at love, I'm good at hate, it's in between I
freeze. Been working out, but it's too late, it's been too
late for years. But you look good, you really do, they
love you on the street. If you were here I'd kneel for
you,

a thousand kisses deep.

The autumn moved across your skin, got something in
my eye, a light that doesn't need to live, and doesn't
need to die. A riddle in the book of love, obscure and
obsolete, till witnessed here in time and blood,

A thousand kisses deep.

And I'm still working with the wine, still dancing cheek
to cheek, the band is playing Auld Lang Syne, but the

heart will not retreat. I ran with Diz and I sang with Ray, I
never had their sweep, but once or twice they let me
play

A thousand kisses deep.

I loved you when you opened like a lily to the heat, you
see, I'm just another snowman standing in the rain and
sleet, who loved you with his frozen love, his second
hand physique, with all he is, and all he was,

A thousand kisses deep.

But you don't need to hear me now, and every word I
speak, it counts against me anyhow,

A thousand kisses deep.

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