

Red House Painter

"I Am A Rock"

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A winter's day
In a deep and dark December
I am alone
Gazing from my window to the streets below
On a freshly fallen silent shroud of snow.

I am a rock, I am an island.

I've built walls,
A fortress deep and mighty
That none may penetrate
I have no need of friendship
Friendship causes pain
It's laughter and loving I disdain

I am a rock, I am an island

Don't talk of love
But I've heard the word before
It's sleeping in my memory
I won't disturb the slumber of the feelings that have
died
If I never loved I never would have cried

I am a rock, I am an island

I have my books
And my poetry to protect me
I am shielded in my armour
Hiding in my room, safe within my womb,
I touch no one and no one touches me.

I am a rock, I am an island

And a rock feels no pain, and an island never cries.

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