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Suzanne Vega "Night Song"

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It's 2 o'clock this morning

Every sane person is asleep

I wonder where you are tonight

And down whose hallways do you creep

I know you, you're out somewhere

You know you shouldn't be

Anyhow, wherever you are, I know you're not thinking of me.

So it's goodnight

Maybe I'll see you in the morning

Soldier of the night

You try to combat the new day dawning

Do you fear the light?

Or do you fear the emptiness in your yawning?

So you search for life by night

Hidden from sight

Safe within the night

Lost in your crazy flight

And looking for the fight

That may prove you are someone

But you can't stop the rising sun.

When the sun comes up, the world can see your face

You slink along the sidewalk, outnumbered and out of place

All your boldness is gone, you stand there tongue-tied and shy

And then it's goodnight

You put on your criminal disquise

Make sure your mask is tight

Safe now from all accusing eyes

You let loose in delight

Attacking night walkers by surprise

Protected by the night

You feel you have the right

To destroy all in your way

With the anger built by day

Now you have learned to kill

And you do it just for spite

The twisted rules of night

Have caught you in it's game

Nobody knows your name

But the day will come

And you'll have no place to run Because you can't stop the rising sun.

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