

## Suzanne Vega "Penitent"

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Once I stood alone so proud  
held myself above the crowd  
now i am low on the ground.

From here i look around to see  
what avenues belong to me  
I can't tell what ive found.

Now what would You have me do  
i ask you please?  
I wait to hear.

The mother, and the matador,  
the mystic, all were here before,  
like me, to stare You down.

You appear without a face,  
disappear, but leave your trace,  
i feel your unseen frown.

Now what would you have me do  
I ask you please?  
i wait to hear  
your voice,  
the word,  
you say.  
i wait to see your sign

would i  
obey?

I look for you in heathered moor,  
the desert, and the ocean floor  
how low does one heart go.

looking for your fingerprints  
i find them in coincidence,  
and make my faith to grow.

Forgive me all my blindnesses  
my weakness and unkindnesses  
as yet unbending still.

struggling so hard to see  
my fist against eternity  
and will you break my will?

Now what would you have me do  
i ask you please?  
i wait to hear  
your voice,  
the word  
you say  
i wait  
to see your sign  
could i  
obey?

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