

Diamonds and Rust Joan Baez

Am * 2x **
Well I'll be damned *
Here comes your ghost again
But that's not unusual
It's just that the moon is full
And you happened to call *
And here I sit *
Hand on the telephone
Hearing a voice I'd known
A couple of light years ago
Heading straight for a fall * 2x
As I remember your eyes *
Were bluer than robin's eggs
My poetry was lousy you said
Where are you calling from?
A booth in the Midwest * 2x
Ten years ago *
I bought you some cufflinks
You brought me something
We both know what memories can bring * 2x
They bring diamonds and rust
Well you burst on the scene *
Already a legend
The unwashed phenomenon
The original vagabond
You strayed into my arms *

Am *
And there you stayed
Temporarily lost at sea
The Madonna was yours for free
Yes the girl on the half-shell *
Would keep you unharmed
Now I see you standing
With brown leaves falling around
And snow in your hair
Now you're smiling out the window
Of that crummy hotel
Over Washington Square
Our breath comes out white clouds
Mingles and hangs in the air
Speaking strictly for me
We both could have died then and there *
Am 2x
Now you're telling me *
You're not nostalgic
Then give me another word for it
You who are so good with words
And at keeping things vague *
Because I need some of that vagueness now
It's all come back too clearly
Yes I loved you dearly
And if you're offering me diamonds and rust
I've already paid
Am * 4x