## I AM A ROCK

## by Simon & Garfunkel

A winter's day in a deep and dark December I am alone gazing from my window To the streets below on a freshly fallin' silent shroud of snow I am a rock I am an island.

I build walls, a fortress deep and mighty that none may penetrate I have no need for friendship Friendship causes pain It's laughter and it's loving I disdain I am a rock I am an island.

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I have my books and my poetry to protect me
I am shielded in my armor
Hiding in my room
Safe within my room
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.