

## Victoria Dines Alone

Tom Paxton

Victoria dines alone, she skips the potatoes  
Victoria begins her meal with greens and tomatoes  
Reading the newspaper carefully folded beside her  
Hanging her coat by her table and letting it hide her  
Victoria dines alone, her dress is old-fashioned  
Victoria watches her weight, each meal is rationed  
Salisbury steak, and the news of the student disorders  
Parsnips in butter, and armies patrolling their borders  
Victoria's feet are tired she wants to go home  
She orders her coffee with cream, and drinks it alone  
Victoria dines alone with Hollywood fables  
The waiters are counting the time and polishing tables  
Victoria's reading of strong astrological forces  
Cheesecake and coffee, and columns of Reno divorces  
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