

She's a Mirror

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She's got a long black cape
And you're trying to escape
From the shape of the things yet to come
She's got a hammer and nail
And you feel like you failed
When you inhale and offer her some
She's guessed your address
From your eyes more or less
That could best do a part in your downfall
There's a rip in your shirt
That's smeared with dirt
And it hurts when it's time for a last call

She's got the new broom
You're dusting the room
She grooms you until you are hoarse
She made you a may queen but can't have foreseen
Her obscene gravitational force
She's got a spied upon spy upon look in her eye says
Surprise me or leave me alone
Her attention's divided it's time you decided
Take her outside or leave her alone

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She's got a record by Sparks that lights up in the dark
And the [?] needle don't skim
She's got beautiful teeth and a man-sized wreath
She'll bequeath at the lunar eclipse
She's got a vertical face and a fertile embrace
But her red lace is only too [?]
She's got you on repeat and your prize style seat
Be discreet when you meet on the key

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She's surrounded by sound in the burial ground
She'll impound you and wait for your claim
You met in September and now it's December
And you can't remember her name
She's fluent in German and she's predetermined
Which sermon you'll read from which mount
Well out in no man's land where this sleight of hand
Matters less than the cards that she counts

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She's flying a kite in the dark of the night
As your pilot light flickers and dims

And when she enters your dreams she floats you downstream
Till she seems just like a phantom limb
You wake with a start stare at her folk art
She's picking apart every stitch
She's got needle and thread beneath her bedspread
But was dead to your most perfect pitch

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