

## (This Is) The Thing

Sufjan Stevens

This is the thing about people  
You never really know what's inside  
Somewhere in the soul there's a secret  
Hysteria grows where it was invited

This is the thing about fiction  
How everything feeds on its paranoia  
Wrapping it all up in tradition  
Now fill up the cup, go and drink your poison

My love is a witness for the loss of your innocence  
So give it all up, give it distance  
Live it up for the path of resistance

This is the thing about confusion  
You never really know what you'll find  
Tell me what it means to be human  
The freedom you seek is to free your mind

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This is the thing about evil  
You never really know where it's hiding  
Find your phantom in the cathedral  
The more you search for it, the less you'll find

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