

## Love Minus Zero

Bob Dylan

My love she speaks like silence  
Without ideals or violence  
She doesn't have to say she's faithful  
Yet she's true like ice like fire  
People carry roses  
And make promises by the hours  
My love she laughs like the flowers  
Valentines can't buy her

In the dime stores and bus stations  
People talk of situations  
Read books repeat quotations  
Draw conclusions on the wall  
Some speak of the future  
My love she speaks softly  
She knows there's no success like failure  
And that failure's no success at all

The cloak and dagger dangles  
Madams light the candles  
In ceremonies of the horsemen  
Even the pawn must hold a grudge  
Statues made of matchsticks  
Crumble into one another  
My love winks she does not bother  
She knows too much to argue or to judge

The bridge at midnight trembles  
The country doctor rambles  
Banker's nieces seek perfection  
Expecting all the gifts that wisemen bring  
The wind howls like a hammer  
The night blows rainy  
My love she's like some raven  
At my window with a broken wing