

## Respect Is Due

### The Dismemberment Plan

Well I only call you darling  
Cos I know how much it bugs you  
And darling, some habits are so hard to break  
Think condescension is sexy?  
Well, that's your mistake to make  
So I learned about my power  
And learned how not to say it  
And I learned that I have things some people need  
And no, I know it's not healthy  
But it sure beats giving you the lead  
If I ever would let down the walls  
That protects me from you  
I would say respect is due  
But not in this lifetime  
So maybe I'd have loved you  
So maybe if you loved me  
And maybe the Easter bunny exists  
It's all the same to me now, dear  
Yeah, but don't think I don't have those old lists  
Now the guns are tired  
Shoot bullets in slow motion  
And all the soldiers have all gone home  
And that's too bad  
'Cos it was such a nice war, dear  
Yeah, but it's time to leave well enough alone.  
If I ever would let down the walls  
That protects me from you  
I would say respect is due  
But not in this lifetime  
Well I only call you darling  
Because I really mean it  
Don't take my word for it; I wouldn't take yours  
And yet I know it's not healthy  
Yeah, but it sure beats picking at age-old sores  
So bon voyage, my darling  
It was real good knowing you  
That's French for "have a good trip," if you didn't know  
'Cos condescension is sexy  
And I don't know why, why you wouldn't think so  
If I ever would let down the walls  
That protects me from you  
I would say respect is due  
But not in this lifetime