

## **Love Is Just a Four-Letter-Word**

*Bob Dylan, 1967*

Seems like only yesterday  
I left my mind behind  
Down in the Gypsy Cafe  
With a friend of a friend of mine -  
She sat with a baby heavy on her knee  
Yet spoke of life most free from slavery  
With eyes that showed no trace of misery -  
A phrase in connection first with she I heard  
That love is just a four-letter word.

Outside a rambling store-front window  
Cats meowed to the break of day -  
Me, I kept my mouth shut,  
To you I had no words to say -  
My experience was limited and underfed -  
You were talking, while I hid,  
To the one who was the father of your kid:  
You probably didn't think I did, but I heard  
You say that love is just a four-letter word.

I said goodbye unnoticed,  
Pushed towards things in my own games,  
Drifting in and out of lifetimes  
Unmentionable by name,  
Searching for my double, looking for  
Complete evaporation to the core -  
Though I tried and failed at finding any door,  
I must have thought that there was nothing more absurd  
Than that love is just a four-letter word.

Though I never knew just what you meant  
When you were speaking to your man,  
I could only think in terms of me  
And now I understand -  
After waking enough times to think I see  
The Holy Kiss that's s'posed to last eternity  
Blow up in smoke, its destiny

Falls on strangers, travels free -  
Yes, I know now, traps are only set by me  
And I do not really need to be assured  
That love is just a four-letter word.

Strange it is to be beside you  
Many years, the tables turned -  
You'd probably not believe me  
If I told you all I've learned -  
And it is very, very weird indeed  
To hear words like "forever" plead,  
So ships run through my mind, I cannot cheat -  
It's like looking in a teacher's face complete:  
I can say nothing to you but repeat what I heard -  
That love is just a four-letter word.