I Am A Rock

Words & Music:
Paul Simon

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C                    F               C
A winter's day in a deep and dark December.
Dm  G7    F  C
I-- am a--lone.
Dm7            Em7    Dm7              Em7
Gazing from my window to the streets below
     Dm              F                G
On a freshly-fallen, silent shroud of snow.
F      C      F       G7  C
I am a rock.  I am an is--land.

I've built walls -- a fortress deep and mighty,
That none may penetrate.
I have no need of friendship; friendship causes pain.
Its laughter and its loving I disdain.
I am a rock.  I am an island.

Don't talk of love -- I've heard the word before.
It's sleeping in my memory.
And I won't disturb the slumber of feelings that have died.
If I never loved, and never would have cried.
I am a rock.  I am an island.

I have my books and my poetry to protect me.
I am shielded in my armor.
Hiding in my room, safe within my womb.
I touch no one and no one touches me.
I am a rock.  I am an island.

      Dm7  G7       C
And a rock feels no pain.
       Dm7    G7    C
And an island never cries.
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