# Diamonds & Rust

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[Em] / [Em+9][Em] / [Em] / [Em+9][Em] /**

**[Em] / [Em/A] / [Em] / [Am+9] /**

**[Em] / [B7] / [B7] / [Em] / [Em+9][Em] /**

**[Em] / [Em+9][Em]**

Well **[Em]** I'll be damned **/ [Em+9][Em]**

Here comes your **[C]** ghost again **[C]**

But that's not un-**[G]**usual **[G]**

It's just that the **[D]** moon is full **[D]**

And you happened to **[Em]** call **/** **[Em+9][Em]**

And **[Em]** here I sit **/ [Em+9][Em]**

Hand on the **[C]** telephone **[C]**

Hearing a **[G]** voice I'd known **[G]**

A couple of **[D]** light years ago **[D]**

Heading straight for a **[Em]** fall **/** **[Em+9][Em] /**

**[Em] / [Em+9][Em]**

As **[Em]** I remember your **[Em+9]** eyes

Were **[Em]** bluer than **[C]** robin's eggs **[C]**

My poetry was **[G]** lousy you said **[G]**

Where are you **[D]** calling from? **[D]**

A booth in the **[Em]** Midwest **/ [Em+9] [Em] /**

**[Em]** Ten years a-**[Em+9]**go, I **[Em]** bought you

Some **[C]** cufflinks **[C]**

You brought me **[G]** something **[G]**

We both know what **[D]** memories can bring **[D]**

They bring diamonds and **[Em]** rust **/ [Em+9][Em] /**

**[Em] / [Em/A] / [Em] / [Am+9] /**

**[Em] / [B7] / [B7] /**

**[Em] / [Em+9][Em] / [Em] / [Em+9][Em]**

Well **[Em]** you burst on the **[Em+9]** scene

Al-**[Em]**ready a **[C]** legend **[C]**

The unwashed phe-**[G]**nomenon **[G]**

The original **[D]** vagabond **[D]**

You strayed into my **[Em]** arms **/ [Em+9][Em]**

And **[Em]** there you stayed

**[Em+9]** Tempo-**[Em]**rarily **[C]** lost at sea **[C]**

The Madonna was **[G]** yours for free **[G]**

Yes the girl on the **[D]** half-shell **[D]**

Would keep you un-**[Em]**harmed

**[Em+9][Em] / [Em] / [Em+9][Em]**

Now I **[Bm7]** see you standing with brown leaves

**[Bm7]** Falling all around and snow in your **[Am7]** hair **[Am7]**

Now you're **[Bm7]** smiling out the window of that crummy ho-**[Bm7]**tel

Over Washington **[Am7]** Square **[Am7]**

Our **[C]** breath comes out white clouds

**[Am7]** Mingles and hangs in the **[G]** air **[G]**

Speaking **[Fmaj7]** strictly for me

We **[Fmaj7]** both could have died then and **[G]** there **[G]** **/** **[B7] /**

**[Em] / [Am+9] / [Em] / [Am+9] / [B7] /**

**[Em] / [Em+9][Em] / [Em] / [Em+9][Em]**

Now you're **[Em]** telling me **[Em+9][Em]**

You’re not nos-**[C]**talgic **[C]**

Then give me another **[G]** word for it **[G]**

You who are so **[D]** good with words **[D]**

And at keeping things **[Em]** vague **/** **[Em+9][Em]**

Because **[Em]** I need some of that vagueness **[Em+9]** now

It's all **[Em]** come back too **[C]** clearly **[C]**

Yes I loved you **[G]** dearly **[G]**

And if you're offering me **[D]** diamonds and rust **[D]**

I've already **[Em]** paid **/** **[Em+9][Em] /**

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