

Love Is Just A Four Letter Word
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LOVE IS JUST A FOUR-LETTER WORD
by Bob Dylan

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[Intro]

G

[Verse 1]

D

Seems like only yesterday

Em

I left my mind behind

D

Down in the Gypsy Cafe

Em

With a friend of a friend of mine

D

Am

She sat with a baby heavy on her knee

D

Am

Yet spoke of life most free from slavery

D

Am

With eyes that showed no trace of misery

D

Am

A phrase in connection first with she

C D

I heard

D7

G

That love is just a four-letter word

[Verse 2]

D

Outside a rambling store-front window

Em

Cats meowed to the break of day

D

Me, I kept my mouth shut, too

Em

To you I had no words to say

D

Am

My experience was limited and underfed

D

Am

You were talking while I hid
D Am
To the one who was the father of your kid
D Am C D
You probably didn't think I did, but I heard
G
You say that love is just a four-letter word

[Verse 3]

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

[Verse 4]

D
Though I never knew just what you meant
Em
When you were speaking to your man
D
I can only think in terms of me
Em
And now I understand
D Am
After waking enough times to think I see
D Am
The Holy Kiss that's supposed to last eternity
D Am
Blow up in smoke, its destiny
D Am
Falls on strangers, travels free
D Am
Yes, I know now, traps are only set by me
D Am
And I do not really need to be

D

G

Assured that love is just a four-letter word

[Verse 5]

D

Strange it is to be beside you

Em

Many years and tables turned

D

You d probably not believe me

Em

If I told you all I ve learned

D

Am

And it is very, very weird indeed

D

Am

To hear words like forever please

D

Am

Those ships run through my mind, I cannot cheat

D

Am

It s like looking in the teacher s face complete

D

Am

C D

I can say nothing to you but repeat what I heard

G

That love is just a four-letter word