I Am a Rock by Paul Simon (1966)

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            C    C      F              C       C
A winter's day   in a deep and dark December
Dm(½)  G7(½)   F(½)  C    Dm7(½)          Em7(½) Dm7(½)          Em7(½)
I      am a    lone,     gazing from my window to the streets below,   on a
Dm(½)          F(½)              G(½)    F(½)
freshly fallen silent shroud of snow.  I am a
C(½)   F(½)    G7  C    C    Am   Am
rock,  I am an is    land.            I've built


            C    C   F              C       C
I've built walls,   a fortress deep and mighty  that
Dm(½)       G7(½)   F(½)  C   Dm7(½)          Em7(½)   Dm7(½)          Em7(½)
none may pene    trate.     I have no need of friendship, friendship causes pain.     Its
Dm(½)              F(½)          G(½)    F(½)
laughter and its loving I disdain.   I am a
C(½)   F(½)    G7  C    C    Am    Am
rock,  I am an is    land.            Don't talk of


C    C          F              C    C
love,    but I've heard the words before,    it's
Dm(½)  G7(½)  F(½)   C       Dm7(½)          Em7(½)    Dm7(½)          Em7(½)
sleeping in my  memory and I won't disturb the slumber of feelings that have died.   If I
Dm(½)          F(½)              G(½)    F(½)
never loved I never would have cried.   I am a
C(½)   F(½)    G7  C    C    Am    Am
rock,  I am an is    land.            I have my


    C    C          F          C        C
books    and my poetry to protect me.       I am
Dm(½)    G7(½)  F(½)   C     Dm7(½)       Em7(½)   Dm7(½)          Em7(½)
shielded in my ar    mour, hiding in my room,    safe within my womb.   I
Dm(½)               F(½)              G(½)    F(½)
touch no one and no one touches me.      I am a
C(½)   F(½)    G7   C     C
rock,  I am an is    land.        And a
Dm7(½)   G7(½)   C             Dm7(½)   G7(½)   C        C
rock can feel no pain.  And an island   never   cries
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