## Reprise — there is a devil

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Alright, there is a devil, more subtle and bewitching than I might have guessed, and thru her subterfuge she's caught me unaware.

She's more bold more daring than my innocence allowed. She knows my secret life, foils my plans.

Ah, she's a beauty who teases my faith, distracts me from a safer freer path, waiting till a moment when I thought she posed no threat, no more. She strikes at my heart with an inspired flattery. She's waited till a time when ethics and caution could hold me back no longer.

Sweet beautiful cruelty
with long black hair and modesty,
everything I would hope you to be.
Be my companion, my lover, my agony.
Swift arrow from the bushes,
taunt me, torture me,
brilliant spark of light I don't deserve.

Yes, there is a dark demon
who laughs
and mocks me,
who takes the pleasure that should be mine.
Yes, she's here.
I feel her
with threads tied thru my spine.
She's waited till my guard was down
and does me the awful damage
I knew too well she could.