



## The Performance

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You have entered the room  
(the audience is here)  
and spoken my name  
(now it's my cue).  
I turn to answer  
(the performance begins)  
and say something meaningless  
(stick to the script).  
If ever I told you how I really felt  
(don't ad lib)  
you might leave  
(never let the audience walk out),  
so I just swallow my love  
(the show must go on).