



## ♪ Suzanne Vega – Tom's Diner

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Complete the sentences with a form of the present continuous

[ is / am / are + verb (ing) ]

I \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning at the diner on the corner

I \_\_\_\_\_ at the counter for the man to pour the coffee

And he fills it only **halfway** and before I even argue

He \_\_\_\_\_ out the window at somebody coming in

It is always nice to see you says the man behind the counter

To the woman who has come in

She \_\_\_\_\_ her umbrella

And I look the other way as they \_\_\_\_\_ their hellos

And I \_\_\_\_\_ not to see them and **instead** I pour the milk

I open up the paper

There's a story of an actor who had died while he was drinking

It was no one I had heard of

And I \_\_\_\_\_ to the horoscope and looking for **the funnies**

When I \_\_\_\_\_ someone watching me and so I raise my head

There's a woman on the outside

Looking inside, does she see me?

No, she does not really see me

'Cause she sees her own reflection

And I \_\_\_\_\_ not to notice

That she's **hitching up** her skirt

And while she's straightening her **stockings**

Her hair \_\_\_\_\_ wet

Oh, this rain, it will continue

Through the morning as I \_\_\_\_\_

To the **bells** of the cathedral

I \_\_\_\_\_ of your voice

And of the midnight picnic

Once upon a time

Before the rain began

I finish up my coffee

And it's time to catch the train



### GLOSSARY

Use the words in green to match the definitions below

**halfway** : a long sock, made of translucent nylon or silk, worn typically by women.

**funnies** : comic strips that can be found in newspapers.

**middle** : at or to a point in the middle; between two points.

**stockings** : a hollow object, that sounds a clear musical note when struck.

**hitching up** : to pull something, especially trousers or a skirt, upwards to a slightly higher position.

**instead** : as an alternative or substitute; in place of.