My Wife And My Dead Wife

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My wife lies down in a chair
And peels a pear
I know she's there
I'm making coffee for two
Just me and you
But I come back in with coffee for three
Coffee for three?

My dead wife sits in a chair Combing her hair I know she's there She wanders off to the bed Shaking her head "Robyn," she said "You know I don't take sugar!"

My wife and my dead wife
Am I the only one that sees her?
My wife and my dead wife
Doesn't anybody see her at all?
No, no no, no, no no no no

My wife sits down on the stairs
And stares into air
There's no one there
I'm drilling holes in the wall
Holes in the wall
I turn round and my dead wife's upstairs
She's still wearing flares
She talks out loud but no one hears

And I can't decide which one I love the most The flesh and blood Or the pale, smiling ghost

My wife lies down on the beach She's sucking a peach She's out of reach Of the waves that crash on the sand Where my dead wife stands Holding my hand

Now my wife can't swim But neither could she And deep in the sea She's waiting for me

Oh, I'm such a lucky guy 'Cause I've got you baby And I'll never be lonely