

In a Manner of Speaking

This song was written by the American post-punk band Tuxedomoon in 1985, and has been covered by various musicians including Martin Gore of Depeche Mode (a British Band started in 1980) and Nouvelle Vague, a French cover band led by musicians Olivier Libaux and Marc Collin. Their name means "New Wave" in French, and their music style is influenced by:

- 1) *The French New Wave cinema of the 1960s*
- 2) *The New Wave music movement of the 1970s and 1980s*
- 3) *Bossa Nova (Portuguese for "New Wave")*

Lyrics:

In a manner of speaking, I just want to say
That I could never forget the way
You told me everything by saying nothing.

In a manner of speaking, I don't understand
How love in silence becomes reprimand.
But the way that I feel is beyond words.

Chorus:

Oh, give me the words,
Give me the words that tell me nothing.
Oh, give me the words,
Give me the words that tell me (everything).

In a manner of speaking, semantics won't do
In this life that we live, we only make do,
And the way that we feel might have to be sacrificed.

So, in a manner of speaking, I just want to say
That, just like you, I should find a way
To tell you everything by saying nothing.

[Chorus]

Expressions:

1. "a manner of speaking" = "uma maneira de falar"
2. "we only make do" = "nós somente nos contentamos com o que temos"

Tuxedomoon:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6H-ESkf2bU>

Depeche Mode/Martin Gore:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEHJ7ZfJgmE>

Nouvelle Vague:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BAbX3Wafqb0>



Tuxedomoon



Martin Gore



Nouvelle Vague