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from My Secret Wars of 1984

Like a cape, a cover to deflect, recover under. Like a virgin. Line up all around the block, inscribe / dry red Kansas, country empty, even "Great American Desert." Love somebody. Lower level characters must keep busy surviving and learning. Lucky star. Men are

a result of it.

Men who

find themselves isolated. Mind if I pitch in
a high-impact optic blast? Miss me blind. More than
ever before,

lesbians bear children. Much
song / in little compass. Must protect myself with a
telekinetic force field--like mom an' the professor
taught me.

My armies outwit all you bullies. My bad choices in
crushes. My cassette tapes are blank, as I attract bad
magnets. My discipline is mind control, a struggle
within. My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you
I just signed legislation which outlaws Russia forever,
says Ronald Reagan.

Perhaps I know better than you the temptation of insidious power--power which can be used for subtle manipulation. Please come to my rescue, Atreyu. Please let me find a place to hide.

Sappho in Kansas gets fragmented, parts of her lost.
Say say say. Scribbles represent my clutter. Seventy
miles away in Kansas City, Ronald Reagan continues
to convince with his conjectures. Sexism leads

. Sexism teaches women

this hatred

. Sexist ideology teaches
a victim.

She goes to school and works through the night to
provide. Since all in
our society cannot
be intact. Sixteen
candles.

Notes:

[Like a cape-Men are]

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[Men who-Must protect]

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[My armies-My fellow]

Sentence 5: President Ronald Reagan, Presidential Debate, October 21, 1984 in Kansas City, Missouri. Public domain.

[Perhaps-Please]

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[Sappho-Sexist]

Sentence 2: Title of song by Paul McCartney and Michael Jackson.

[She-Sixteen]

Sentence 3: Title of film from 1984.