

## Sheridan Cosy

### "A BAD CLICHE"

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Cosy Sheridan: acoustic guitar & vocal

John Pierce: bass

Ricardo Monzon: percussion

Rick Harris: banjo

i have an uncle, he's a dirty old man. i grew up with a  
bad cliché  
i have learned to find other things to do on family  
holidays  
i have tried to love the sinner and only hate the sin  
but whoever wrote that never got caught in a dark  
corner with him  
i keep a baseball bat under my bed and i always leave  
on a light  
the same time each year i get up and check the locks  
sometimes three times at night  
and if God helps those who help themselves  
where was God in my formative years  
Why give me a voice to call out with and then deafen so  
many ears?  
i have tried to forget his breath,  
i have tried to forget his hands  
the mechanics don't confuse me like they used to  
but I still don't understand  
the 9-year-old she was frightened  
the 12-year-old learned not to care  
stick a sharp thin knife long into her heart  
she could not even feel it was there  
and there's a patch of skin between my shoulder  
blades  
that's still just a little bit numb  
it seems to be there to remind me  
of the destruction i have undone  
i try to love the sinner but it's more than the sin will  
allow  
i've looked a long time into the dark,  
hoping the truth would show me how

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