

Elton John & Tim Rice

"Easy As Life"

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This is the moment
When the Gods expect me
To beg for help
But I won't even try

I want nothing in the world
But myself to protect me
But I won't lie down
Roll over and die

All I have to do is
To forget how much I love him
All I have to do is
Put my longing to one side

Tell myself that
Love's an ever changing situation
Passion would have cooled
And all the magic would have died

It's easy, it's easy

Until I think about him
As he was when I last saw him
And how he would have been
Were I to be with him today

Tender in his manner
And my self-consolation
All I ever wanted
And I'm throwing it away

It's easy, easy as life

All I have to do is
To pretend I never knew him
On those very rare occasions
When he steals into my heart

Better to have lost him
When the ties were barely binding
Better the contempt

Of the familiar cannot start

It's easy, it's easy

Until I think about him
As he was when I last touched him
And how he would have been
Were I to be with him today

Those very rare occasions don't let up
They keep on coming
All I ever wanted
And I'm throwing it away

It's easy, it's easy as life

And then I see the faces
Of a worn defeated people
A father and a nation
Who won't let a coward run

Is this how the Gods reward
The faithful through the ages?
Forcing us to prove that
All the hardest things we've done

Are easy, so easy

And though I'll think about him
Until the earth draws in around me
And though I choose to leave him
For another kind of love

This is no denial, no betrayal
But redemption
Redeemed in my own eyes
And in the pantheon above

It's easy, it's easy
It's easy as life

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