

## **Ai Otsuka**

### **"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 \_\_\_\_ 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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