

## Rilo Kiley "Variations On A Theme"

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if you're scared and it shows cause you're watching  
them grow  
and traveling blows when you're out of road  
and when you jump up the earth wants you back

your resentment grow till you're all alone  
but you're so smart how could they not know  
when you're standing there in good humored white

and how do you do it?  
and make it seem effortless  
when its all the stupid things  
so overwhelming to me  
like paying my bills  
or showing up for work early  
or laughing at your jokes

when you first said that anything goes  
or a problem is a task disguised in work clothes  
that's when i knew i had to move  
and why do you do it?  
and make it seem delicate  
when its all the stupid things  
so damn confusing to me  
like talking it through  
controlling my temper  
like letting it go  
saying please forgive me  
or laughing at your jokes

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why do they do it?  
show up anyway  
when they know that damn well  
there is no room for promotions out here  
and maybe it's wise  
and maybe i'm just stupid  
for laughing at your jokes

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