

## Julia Ecklar

### "Catatonia County Rag"

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I suppose it could be worse; you know, I could be  
parked outside  
With rain and snow to splatter me, and bird-lime on my  
hide.  
So here I sit by day and night, ten yards above the  
floor.  
You know, it isn't easy being Door.

CHORUS:

And here I am, a real open-and-shut case,  
A psychic-burnout catatonic nut case.  
I tangled with sweet Winnowill, and that's where I went  
wrong.  
Now I just shut and open all day long.

They say some folks are humorless; they find laughter  
a bore.  
But elves should take a joke; we live a million years or  
more.  
Well, I sneaked hair-remover into Winnowill's shampoo.  
So Winnowill played me a joke or two.

CHORUS

Now misery loves company, and I was all alone,  
And so I gave the walls a shake and made the ceiling  
groan.  
Sweet Winnie looked for earthquake faults until she  
found a trace,  
So now I've got a partner, name of Brace.

CHORUS

It's a lousy life we lead here, but not so bad as some.  
Brace says we will elope someday, but someday never  
comes.  
So 'til someone come to free us, or Blue Mountain  
wears away,  
We sit, and shut, and open, night and day.

CHORUS:

And here I am, a real open-and-shut case,  
A psychic-burnout catatonic nut case.  
I tangled with sweet Winnowill, and that's where I went  
wrong.  
Now I just shut and open all day long, all day long.  
I just shut and open all day long.

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