

## **Difranco Ani**

### **"Letter to a John"**

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don't ask me why I'm crying  
I'm not going to tell you what's wrong  
I'm just gonna sit on your lap  
for five dollars a song  
I want you to pay me for my beauty  
I think it's only right  
'cause I have been paying for it  
all of my life

I'm gonna take the money I make  
I'm gonna take the money I make  
I'm gonna take the money I make  
and I'm gonna go away...

we barely have time to react in this world  
let alone rehearse  
and I don't think I'm better than you  
but I don't think that I'm worse  
women learn to be women  
and men learn to be men  
and I don't blame it all on you  
but I don't want to be your friend

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I'm gonna take the money I make  
I'm gonna take the money I make  
and I'm gonna go away...

I was eleven years old  
he was as old as my dad  
and he took something from me  
I didn't even know that I had  
so don't tell me about decency  
don't tell me about pride  
just give me something for my trouble  
'cause this time, it's not a free ride

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I'm gonna take the money I make  
and I'm gonna go away...

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I'm just gonna sit on your lap  
for five dollars a songs  
I want you to pay me for my beauty  
I think it's only right  
'cause I have been paying for it  
all of my life

now I just wanna take  
and I'm just gonna take  
I'm gonna take  
and I'm gonna go away

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