

## **Difranco Ani**

### **"Old Old Song"**

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i'll sing you a song that starts out descriptive  
and locates a time and a place  
like a dinner table where a whole family  
is just sitting down to say grace  
an old old song that moves into action  
taking its sweet sweet time  
and waits until we all say amen  
again and again in rhyme

it's the story of a father and a mother  
who battle each other over nothin'  
with a couple of kids trying to figure  
which way the plot's spinning  
who's winning and who is bluffing

it's a story as common as a penny, son  
it ain't really worth anything to anyone

poor little sore little song  
that aches like a muscle each time that it moves  
sad little song that you play  
and you play and you play  
and you play 'til you lose  
while history is outside writing a recipe book  
for every earthly pain  
this song is inside finger painting dark swirls  
again and again and they all look the same

cuz what if you come home from school one day  
and you find your whole family's at war  
and there's this ominous silence just waiting to be  
broken  
and there's secret places for hiding underneath the  
floorboards  
and everyone seems to be bracing  
for the subharmonic thunder of the next bomb  
and everyone seems to be waiting for the cops to bust  
in  
with their guns drawn  
at the bleak light of dawn

it's a story as common as a penny, son  
i don't think it's worth anything to anyone

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