Difranco Ani "On Every Corner"

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death
has been your lover
he has brought you
the edges of your life
and now you are looking over
and all we can say is
it's gonna be all right
and I am looking forward
to looking back on these days
when on every corner
someone holds a sign
that says I'm homeless
I'm hungry and
I have AIDS

how will they define our generation in the coming decades who will tell the story and what will they say? will they say the victims were thought of as criminals while the guilty sat on high deciding their fate ticking off statistics in their spare time tell me, which is the crime?

may you never test positive pregnancy
HIV
may you never be the receptacle of blame may you never be the scapegoat for a whole world full of shame may you never be fighting for your life and at the same time have to fight for your name

there are too few who open both eyes we sit back in our easy chairs and we try to sympathize whether from the point of a needle or the edge of our beds we too, like too many others, could be dead our actions will define us before a single definition can be said yeah, so what if god is testing us what if that's true what are you going to do what is the answer to you

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