

## **Difranco Ani**

### **"Served Faithfully"**

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he caresses every bottle  
like it's the first one he's had  
saying  
it ain't love  
but it ain't bad  
it's the only reward  
bestowed upon me  
and I have served faithfully

I can see he is scarred  
from doing some hard time  
but I let alone what is broken  
'cause it isn't mine  
he strikes out at me  
when I am within reach  
then he reaches for me  
when I draw the line

sometimes it seems like love  
is just a fancy word for compromise  
you gotta read between the years  
you gotta write between the lines  
you gotta try to understand  
the grandness of the man behind the petty crimes  
and let him off easy sometimes

I have only just met  
an old old friend  
we've been walking around holding hands  
I hope some day he can bend  
as far as it takes to understand  
and risk breaking open again

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