

## **Difranco Ani**

### **"What if No Ones Watching"**

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If my life were a movie  
there would be a sunset  
and the camera would pan away  
but the sky is just a little sister  
tagging along behind the buildings  
trying to imitate their grey  
the little boys are breaking bottles  
along the sidewalk  
the big boys, too  
the girls are hanging out at the candy store  
pumping quarters into the phone  
'cause they don't want to go home  
and I think,  
what if no one's watching  
what it when we're dead, we're just dead  
what if it's just us down here  
what if god ain't looking down  
what if he's looking up instead  
if my life were a movie  
I would light a cigarette  
and the smoke would curl around my face  
everything I do would be interesting  
I'd play the good guy  
in every scene  
but I always feel I have to  
take a stand  
and there's always someone on hand  
to hate me for standing there  
I always feel I have to open my mouth  
and every time I do  
I offend someone  
somewhere  
but what  
what if no one's watching  
what if when we're dead, we're just dead  
what if there's no time to lose  
what if there's things we gotta do  
things that need to be said  
you know I can't apologize  
for everything I know  
I mean you don't have to agree with me

but once you get me going  
you better just let me go  
we have to be able to criticize  
what we love  
say what we have to say  
'cause if you're not trying to make something better  
as far as I can tell  
you're just in the way  
I mean what  
what if no one's watching  
what if when we're dead  
we're just dead  
what if it's just us down here  
what if god is just an idea  
someone put in your head  
I mean what  
what if no one's watching  
what if no one's watching...

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