

## Ani DiFranco

### "Dilate Complete Album"

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Untouchable Face

think i'm going for a walk now

i feel a little unsteady

i don't want noone to follow me

except maybe you

i could make you happy, you know

if you weren't already

i could do a lot of things

and i do

tell you the truth i prefer the worst of you

too bad you had to have a better half

she's not really my type

but i think you two are forever

and i hate to say it but you're perfect together

so fuck you

and your untouchable face

fuck you

for existing in the first place

and who am i

that i should be vying for your touch

who am i

bet you can't even tell me that much  
2:30 in the morning  
my gas tank will be empty soon  
neon sign on the horizon  
rubbing elbows with the moon  
safe haven of the sleepless  
where the deep fryer's always on  
radio is counting down the top 20 country songs  
out on the porch the fly strip is  
waving like a flag in the wind  
you know i really don't look forward  
to seeing you again soon.  
you look like a photograph of yourself  
taken from far far away  
i won't know what to do  
i won't know what to say  
so fuck you...  
see you and i'm so perplexed  
what was i thinking  
what will i think of next  
where can i hide  
in the back room there's a lamp  
that hangs over the pool table  
and when the fan is on it swings  
gently side to side

there's a changing constellation  
of balls as we are playing  
i see orion and say nothing  
the only thing i can think of saying  
is fuck you...

Outta Me, Onto You

no no

no more

it's gonna be sudden

it's gonna be strange

i'm gonna turn on a dime

give you 5 cents change

it's gonna be long

overdue

it's all gonna come out

out of me, on to you

out of me

on to you

one of these days you're gonna push too hard

we'll go on like we've always done

till you go too far

one of these days it's gonna reach the top

then it's gonna start to spill

and it's not gonna stop

out of me

on to you...

no more

some people wear their smile like a disguise

those people who smile a lot watch the eyes

i know cause i'm like that a lot

you think everything's okay

it is till it's not

out of me

on to you...

no more

some people wear their heart up on their sleeve

i wear mine underneath my right pant leg strapped to  
my boot

don't think cause i'm easy i'm naive

don't think i won't pull it out

don't think i won't shoot

out of me

on to you...

no more

most people like to talk a lot

including you

you know there isn't much i have to say

that i wouldn't rather just shut up and do

i'm gonna miss you when you're gone

i'm gonna be torn

just remember that i love you

just remember you were warned

out of me

on to you...

no more

no more.

Superhero

sleep walking through the all-nite drug store

baptized in fluorescent light

i found religion in the greeting card aisle

now i know hallmark was right

and every pop song on the radio

is suddenly speaking to me

art may imitate life

but life imitates t.v.

'cuz you've been gone exactly two weeks

two weeks and three days

and let's just say that things look different now

different in so many ways

i used to be a superhero

no one could touch me

not even myself

you are like a phone booth

that i somehow stumbled into

and now look at me

i am just like everybody else

if i was dressed in my best defenses

would you agree to meet me for coffee  
if i did my tricks with smoke and mirrors  
would you still know which one was me  
if i was naked and screaming  
on your front lawn  
would you turn on the light and come down  
screaming, there's the asshole  
who did this to me  
stripped me of my power  
stripped me down  
i used to be a superhero  
no one could hurt me  
not even myself  
you are like a phone booth  
that i somehow stubmled into  
and now look at me  
i am just like everybody else  
yeah you've been gone exactly two weeks  
two weeks and three days  
and now i'm a different person  
different in so many ways  
tell me what did you like about me  
and don't say my strength and daring  
'cuz now i think i'm at your mercy  
and it's my first time for this kind of thing  
i used to be a superhero

i would swoop down and save me  
from myself  
but you are like a phone booth  
that i somehow stumbled into  
and now look at me  
i am just like everybody else  
Dilate  
life used to be life-like  
now it's more like show biz  
i wake up in the night  
and i don't know where the bathroom is  
and i don't know what town i'm in  
or what sky i am under  
and i wake up in the darkness and i  
don't have the will anymore to wonder  
everyone has a skeleton  
and a closet to keep it in  
and you're mine  
every song has a you  
a you that the singer sings to  
and you're it this time  
baby, you're it this time  
when i need to wipe my face  
i use the back of my hand  
and i like to take up space

just because i can  
and i use my dress  
to wipe up my drink  
i care less and less  
what people think  
and you are so lame  
you always disappoint me  
it's kinda like our running joke  
but it's really not funny  
i just want you to live up to  
the image of you i create  
i see you and i'm so unsatisfied  
i see you and i dilate  
so i'll walk the plank and i'll jump with a smile  
if i'm gonna go down  
i'm gonna do it with style  
and you won't see me surrender  
you won't hear me confess  
'cuz you've left me with nothing  
but i've worked with less  
and i learn every room long enough  
to make it to the door  
and then i hear it click shut behind me  
and every key works differently  
i forget every time  
and the forgetting defines me

that's what defines me  
when i say you sucked my brain out  
the english translation  
is i am in love with you  
and it is no fun  
but i don't use words like love  
'cuz words like that don't matter  
but don't look so offended  
you know, you should be flattered  
i wake up in the night  
in some big hotel bed  
my hands grope for the light  
my hands grope for my head  
the world is my oyster  
the road is my home  
and i know that i'm better  
off alone  
Amazing Grace  
amazing grace  
how sweet the sound  
that save a wretch like me  
i once was lost  
but now i'm found  
was blind but now i see  
'twas grace that taught

my heart to fear  
and grace that fear relieved  
how precious did  
that grace appear  
the hour i first believed  
through many dangers  
toils and snares  
i have already come  
'twas grace that brought me  
safely thus far  
and grace will lead me home  
and when this heart  
and flesh shall fail  
and mortal life shall cease  
i shall possess  
within the vale  
a life of joy and peace

Napolean

they told you your music could reach millions  
the choice was up to you  
you told me they always pay for lunch  
and they believe in what i do  
and i wonder if you'll miss your old friends  
once you've proven what you're worth  
and i wonder when you're a big star  
will you miss the earth

and i know you always, always want more  
i know you, you'll never be done  
because everyone is a fucking napoleon  
everyone is a fucking napoleon  
and the next time that i saw you  
you were larger than life  
yeah you came and you conquered  
you were doing all right  
you had an army of suits behind you  
and all you had to be was willing  
and i said i still make a pretty good living  
you must make a killing, a killing  
and i hope that, that you are happy  
i hope that at least you are having fun  
oh but everyone is a fucking napoleon  
well everyone is a fucking napoleon  
you say that, so that's the way it's gonna be  
so that's what this is all about  
i think that that's the way it always was  
you chose not to notice until now  
oh now that, now that there's a problem  
you call me up to confide  
and you go on for over an hour  
about each one that took you for a ride  
and i guess that you dialed my number

because you thought for sure that i'd agree

i said baby, you know i still love you

but how dare you complain to me

oh but everyone is a fucking napoleon

everyone is a fucking napoleon

everyone is a fucking napoleon

Shameless

i cannot name this

i cannot explain this

and i really don't want to

just call me shameless

i can't even slow this down

let alone stop this

and i keep looking around

but i cannot top this

if i had any sense

i guess i'd fear this

i guess i'd keep it down

so no one would hear this

i guess i'd shut my mouth

and rethink a minute

but i can't shut it now

'cuz there's something in it

we're in a room without a door

and i am sure without a doubt

they're gonna wanna know

how we got in here  
and they're gonna wanna know  
how we plan to get out  
we better have a good explanation  
for all the fun that we had  
'cuz they are coming for us, babe  
and they are going to be mad  
yeah they're going to be mad at us  
this is my skeleton  
this is the skin it's in  
that is according to light  
and gravity  
i'll take off my disguise  
the mask you met me in  
'cuz i got something  
for you to see  
just gimme your skeleton  
give me the skin it's in  
yeah baby, this is you  
according to me  
i never avert my eyes  
i never compromise  
so never mind  
the poetry  
i gotta cover my butt 'cuz i covet

another man's wife  
i gotta divide my emotions  
into wrong and right  
then i get to see how close i can get to it  
without giving in  
then i get to rub up against it  
till i break the skin  
rub up against it  
till i break the skin  
they're gonna be mad at us  
thy're gonna be mad at me and you  
thy're gonna be mad at us  
and all the things  
we wanna do  
just please don't name this  
please don't explain this  
just blame it all on me  
say i was shameless  
say i couldn't slow it down  
let alone stop it  
and say you just hung around  
'cuz you couldn't top it  
Going Down  
you can't get through it  
you can't get over it  
you can't get around

just like in a dream  
you'll open your mouth to scream  
and you won't make a sound  
you can't believe your eyes  
you can't believe your ears  
you can't believe your friends  
you can't believe you're here  
and you're not gonna get through it  
so you are going down  
i put a cup out on the window sill  
to catch the water as it fell  
now i got a glass half full of rain  
to measure the time between  
when you said you'd come  
and when you actually come  
little mister limp dick  
is up to his old tricks  
and thought he'd call me  
one last time  
but i'm just about done  
with the oh-woe-is-me shit  
and i want everything back  
that's mine  
Done Wrong  
the wind is ruthless

the trees shake angry fingers at the sky  
the people hunch their shoulders  
hold their collars over their ears and run by  
it's a cold rain  
it's a hard rain  
like the kind you find in songs  
i guess that makes me the jerk with the heartache  
here to sing to you about how i been done wrong  
i am sitting, watching  
out the window of the coffee show  
and i'm waiting, waiting  
waiting for it to let up  
i am rocking like a cradle  
warming my hands with the cup in between  
i am leaning over the table  
holding my face over the steam  
and before it gets so cold  
that the rain turns to snow  
there's just a couple things  
i'd like to know  
like how could you do nothing  
and say, i'm doing my best  
how could you take almost everything  
and then come back for the rest  
how could you beg me to stay  
reach out your hands and plead

and then pack up your eyes and run away  
as soon as i agreed  
it just all slips  
away so slowly  
you don't even notice till you've lost a lot  
i've been like one of those zombies  
in vegas  
pouring quarters into a slot  
and now i'm tired  
and i am broke  
and i feel stupid and i feel used  
and i'm at the end of my little rope  
and i am swinging back and forth  
about you  
and before it gets so cold  
that the rain turns to snow  
there's just a couple things  
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and say, i'm doing my best  
how could you take almost everything  
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Adam And Eve

tonight you stooped to my level

i am your mangy little whore

now you're trying to find your underwear

and then your socks and then the door

and you're trying to find a reason

why you have to leave

but i know it's 'cuz you think you're adam

and you think i'm eve

you rhapsodize about beauty

and my eyes glaze

everything i love is ugly

i mean really, you would be amazed

just do me a favor

it's the least that you can do

just don't treat me like i am

something that happened to you

i am truly sorry about all this

you put a tiny pin prick

in my big red balloon

and as i slowly start to exhale

that's when you leave the room

i did not design this game

i did not name the stakes

i just happen to like apples

and i am not afraid of snakes

i am truly sorry about all this

i envy you your ignorance

i hear that it's bliss

so i let go the ratio

of things said to thing heard

as i leave you to your garden

and the beauty you preferred

and i wonder what of this

will have meaning for you

when you've left it all behind

i guess i'll even wonder

if you meant it

at the time

Joyful Girl

i do it for the joy it brings

because i'm a joyful girl

because the world owes me nothing

and we owe each other the world

i do it because it's the least i can do

i do it because i learned it from you

and i do it just because i want to

because i want to

everything i do is judged

and they mostly get it wrong

but oh well  
'cuz the bathroom mirror has not budged  
and the woman who lives there can tell  
the truth from the stuff that they say  
and she looks me in the eye  
and says would you prefer the easy way  
no, well o.k. then  
don't cry  
i wonder if everything i do  
i do instead  
of something i want to do more  
the question fills my head  
i know there's no grand plan here  
this is just the way it goes  
when everything else seems unclear  
i guess at least i know  
i do it for the joy it brings  
because i'm a joyful girl  
because the world owes me nothing  
and we owe each other the world  
i do it because it's the least i can do  
i do it because i learned it from you  
and i do it just because i want to  
because i want to

