Ani Difranco "Hide And Seek"

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me and all the kids from the neighbourhood we play out in the street all summer long rule was we had to go home at nite when the street lights came on

we were oblivious to the rest of the world we hold up the cars in the street we always played boys against girls and both sides would cheat

strange men would stop their cars at the curb say "hey sweetheart, come here" and i would go up to the window and they would have their dick out in there hands and a sick little sneer

i'd say "here we go again yeah, this time you win" i would feel dirty; i would feel ashamed but i wouldn't let it stop my game

we would play hide and go seek territory would be the whole block sometimes the older boys when they find you they wouldn't want to tag you they just want to talk they say "what would you do for a quarter? come on, we don't have that much time" i'd think for a minute and i'd say "ok, give me the quarter first. fine"

this time you win here we go again and i would feel dirty and i would feel ashamed but i wouldn't let it stop my game

i remember my first trip alone on the greyhound bus a man who put his hands on me as soon as nite fell i remember when i was leaving how excited i was i remember when i arrived i didn't feel so well i remember the teachers who got me so sick scared, i went into the bathroom and i threw up in my hair i could go on but you know what it just gets worse so i should probably stop there.

girl, next time he wants to know what your problem is girl, next time he wants to know where the anger comes from just tell him this time the problem is his just tell him the anger just comes it just comes

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