

# Ani DiFranco, My IQ

When I was four years old  
They tried to test my I.Q  
They showed me a picture  
Of 3 oranges and a pear  
They said  
Which one is different?  
It does not belong  
They taught me different is wrong  
But when I was 13 years old  
I woke up one morning  
Thighs covered in blood  
Like a war  
Like a warning  
That I live in a breakable takeable body  
An ever-increasingly valuable body  
That a woman had come in the night to replace me  
Deface me  
See  
My body is borrowed  
Yeah, I got it on loan  
For the time in between my mom and some maggots  
I don't need anyone to hold me  
I can hold my own  
I got highways for stretchmarks  
See where I've grown  
I sing sometimes  
Like my life is at stake  
'Cause you're only as loud  
As the noises you make  
I'm learning to laugh as hard  
As I can listen  
'Cause silence  
Is violence  
In women and poor people  
If more people were screaming then I could relax  
But a good brain ain't diddley  
If you don't have the facts  
We live in a breakable takeable world  
An ever available possible world  
And we can make music  
Like we can make do  
Genius is in a back beat  
Backseat to nothing if you're dancing  
Especially something stupid  
Like I.Q  
For every lie I unlearn  
I learn something new  
I sing sometimes for the war that I fight  
'Cause every tool is a weapon -  
If you hold it right