

# Shy

## Ani DiFranco

One, two  
One, two, three, four Well, the heat is so great  
It plays tricks with the eye  
It turns the road into water  
And then from water to sky  
And there's a crack in the concrete floor  
And it starts at the sink  
There's a bathroom in a gas station  
And I've locked myself in it to think And back in the city  
The sun bakes the trash on the curb  
The men are pissing in doorways  
And the rats are running in herds  
And I got a dream with your face in it  
That scares me awake  
I put too much on the table  
Now I got too much at stake And I might let you off easy  
Yeah, I might lead you on  
I might wait for you to look for me  
And then I might be gone  
There's where I come from and where I'm going  
And I am lost in between  
I might go up to that phone booth  
And leave a veiled invitation on your machine And you'll stop me, won't you  
If you've heard this one before  
The one where I surprise you  
By showing up at your front door  
Saying let's not ask what's next or how, or why?  
I am leaving in the morning, so let's not be shy I'll be shy The door opens, the room winces  
The housekeeper comes in without a warning  
I squint at the muscular motel light  
And say, "Hey, good morning"  
As she jumps her keys jingle  
And she leaves as quickly as she came in  
And I roll over and taste the pillow with my grin Well, the sheets are twisted and damp  
But the heat is so great  
And I swear I can feel the mattress  
Sinking underneath your weight  
Oh, sleep is like a fever  
And I'm glad when it ends

And the road flows like a river  
And it pulls me around every bend And you'll stop me, won't you  
If you've heard this one before  
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