

# Ani DiFranco, Gratitude

thank you  
for letting me stay here  
thank you for taking me in  
thank you  
for the beer and the food  
thank you  
for loaning me bus fare  
thank you for showing me around  
that was a very kind thing to do  
thank you  
for the use of the clean towel  
thank you for half of your bed  
we can sleep here like brother and sister,  
you said  
but you changed the rules  
in an hour or two  
and I don't know what you  
and your sisters do  
but please don't  
please stop  
this is not my obligation  
what does my body have to do  
with my gratitude?  
look at you  
little white lying  
for the purpose of justifying  
what you're trying to do  
I know that you feel my resistance  
I know that you heard what I said  
otherwise you wouldn't need the excuse  
thank you  
for letting me stay here  
thank you for taking me in  
I don't know where else  
I would have turned  
but I don't come and go  
like a pop song  
that you can play incessantly  
and then forget when it's gone  
you can't write me off  
and you don't turn me on  
so don't change the rules  
in an hour or two  
I don't know what you and your  
sisters do  
but please don't  
please stop  
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what does my body have to do  
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