

STEINAR RAKNES

## It Is Easier

*When you realize  
That days are short  
And life's too long  
To hold the fort*

*When you realize  
What you have done  
Can't be sunk into  
Oblivion*

*When you realize that  
You shiver  
Like a leaf  
On a tree*

*When you realize  
You've made your bed  
And lie on it  
Without a shred*

*When you see that  
There's no shelter  
And the things you can't outrun  
When you see that you are falling  
It is easier - to be good*

*When you realize  
You're not alone  
And not in this world  
On your own*

*When you realize  
That you are in trouble  
And you live in a bubble*

*When you realize  
You're in deep water  
Turning one way  
Or the other*

*When you realize  
That you're not smarter  
And you're not Charlie Parker  
It is easier - to be good*

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*Come along baby, take a breath  
In the evening, honey, take a yawn  
Come together in the morning  
Through the break of dawn  
Come along baby, ride with me  
In the saddle, honey, you are free  
Sing this song from the middle  
Of eternity*

*When you realize  
We're together  
Naked and drifting  
And you see that  
There's no shelter  
And the things you can't outrun  
When you see that you are falling  
It is easier - to be good*