

TRANSPARENT ANSWER

透明アンサー

BROADWAY VERSION

(instrumental motif from Ayano's Theory of Happiness intro)

(transitions into instrumental motif from Transparent Answer intro)

VERSE:

Well, I live by the day-to-day. Never fazed, I ever stay.
Again and again, sit down in the back of class and bear it.
All the books say to try my best, but they always fail to test.
The pages are filled with words, but the answer is transparent.

But the grades are the bottom line, and I guess they're pretty fine.
They pass me another hundred, another carbon copy.
To my left is a girl I know, and her scores are pretty low.
A smile and some bashful laughter. She's always been this sloppy.

BRIDGE:

Clearly, I perceive it's useless to believe.
I tell her that the future's answers I've already known.
Then she says to me, "There's more than what I see."
Whenever she was there, I couldn't feel alone.

CHORUS:

I wanted her to leave me be, a memory to disappear for good.
Don't try to touch my heart, it has departed. Who knows why you would?
Suddenly, my cellphone rings. I'm hearing things. It says, "You're just a fool."
That's kinda cruel... ah, but also kinda true.

An answer is no miracle. Empirical, such question's never solved.
Maybe the clarity inside of me has made me uninvolved.
'Cause if I just drop dead now, no telling how soon I will be replaced
And never know— then I feel her gentle glow... and I just can't go.

VERSE:

Floating by through the daily grind, just as if I hit rewind.
Nothing to add, she's absent, and I might feel a bit weird.
Anyway, it's a minor change. Every score's the normal range.
My answer's the same without her, the girl who disappeared.

Just the tiniest oversight, and now nothing's going right.
I swear, when I saw her there... didn't know it'd be the last time.
I can still see her raven hair, and her smile as light as air.
Has everyone else forgot her and locked her in the past? I'm...

BRIDGE:

... talking to myself. I honestly can't tell if
The window is an empty hole or mirror of my soul.
I just wasn't brave. I had the chance to save
Her, but the answer spiraled out of my control.

CHORUS:

I'll never solve the tiny little pieces of the person that was you.
Now seeking to regain a life mundane is all that I can do.
If I'm gonna always see your memory, I wish that I were blind
or could rewind to that day I passed you by.

The room was empty. So I thought, before I saw that you had yet to leave.
Hidden in your smiles were pain. You cried in vain for some sense of reprieve.
All that I could do was run. Now all is done. You flew and then you fell.
I'll never know why you ever had to go.
And although now will turn to long ago,
I will never forget you, even so.
Even tomorrow.

COUNTER-CHORUS

(over second stanza, Ayano chorus melody)

How can I save them
When I am
So sorry and scared?
I miss her, too,
But please, father,
Please spare her
This terror.
I cannot let you do this—
Kill all I hold dear—
Or there's no place on Earth left for me here.

(melody ascends, unresolved)