

# Difficult

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It's difficult to say just what you mean to me  
Might as well start speaking Japanese  
In these suits of armor a decorum prevails  
This tea ceremony for when all else fails.

Fragile as porcelain, our covered smiles,  
Respectful bows,  
Words tumble off our tongues as if they were  
banana peels.  
How absurd to think that two could ever share a life as one  
It's difficult what we've begun.

You're a book without a cover  
I'm reduced to scenery  
You have to look for me in the midst of crowded streets.

Underneath the magnifying glass  
A-hunting we will go  
It's difficult but even so -  
I'll honor you with irony  
We'll rummage through the days,  
Our days.