

“I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold.
I wish you were one or the other!” Revelation 3:15 (NLT)

Blessed is he who expects nothing for he shall never be disappointed.
- Alexander Pope

This song is about a man who will probably accomplish very little in life, because he prefers to not get involved, or to commit himself to anything. I call him the “Easy Man”, because he wants to go through life the “easy way”. He is, basically, just doing time in this world.

The Easy Man (a Life without Purpose)

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VERSE 1: Life can be as easy as you make it out to be;
Nothin' hard about it, not as far as you can see;
So you don't try too hard; in fact, you hardly try.
If we don't notice you, it's easy to see why.

VERSE 2: Nothing ventured, nothing lost; at least it keeps you sane.
No pain, no pleasure; but you'd rather have no pain.
You look for shadows, and you find a place within;
You're just a shadow of the man you could have been.

CHORUS 1: You are the easy man, you live an easy life;
You choose obscurity, there's little pain or strife.
Not to yourself or anyone will you be true....
It's between our Lord and Satan, who will get the best of you .

VERSE 3: You choose the simple life; no tangled web you weave;
You're born with nothing, and with nothing you will leave.
No friends, no confidants, no lovers, and no peers;
There won't be much to show that you were ever here.

VERSE 4: You never get too close, so you won't get too far.
No, you're not asking, so we won't know who you are.
You find it easier to go this road alone,
So your direction, like your name, will be unknown.

CHORUS 2: You are the easy man, you live an easy life;
You choose obscurity, there's little pain or strife.
You offer nothing that is meaningful or true;
It's between our Lord and Satan, who will get the best of you .

VERSE 5: You stay in darkness, it's much easier to hide;
Don't watch the scenery, you're in it for the ride.
You're only here to do your time, then you'll move on;
No need to look for you, 'cause surely you'll be gone.

VERSE 6: There is no reason to be silent or discreet;
You leave no footprints on the ground below your feet.
So you would be surprised, when heaven fin'ly calls,
If your obituary mentions you at all.

CHORUS 3: You are the easy man, you live an easy life;
You choose obscurity, there's little pain or strife.
If we are judged by what we give and what we do,
It's between our Lord and Satan, who will get the best of you .

REFRAIN: Just in case it's noticed when you're gone,
We can play this tune, and sing along.
But ask yourself if maybe it is wrong,
That someone so unknown could have a song?

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Whosoever doth not bear his own cross,
and come after me, cannot be my disciple.
Luke 14:27 (ASV)