

# Paleo, Houdini

## HOUDINI

everyone smiled at she slipped on the ice  
and her glasses lay smashed on the cadillac's dash  
as a mom drove us home from the park

when dad pulls a cat from the brim of his hat  
and hangs up his dress slacks to hand mom the whiplash  
she winks and says "life isn't easy";

and your paper shakes when you make this mistake  
in the speech that you gave to your peers from the stage  
about causes of teen apathy

but like  
just like you  
they are doing the best that they can

you've nothing to fear  
this will all disappear  
when they turn off the lights  
from the top of the stairs

sure it's quite the tough sell  
laughs houdini in hell  
as he saws you in half  
but listen up, just do the math

life is not easy

driving away she would mournfully state  
that life never changes. it's been ages and ages  
now her words they dissolve on my tongue

just like you  
just like you

when the music goes out like a match

das - orrefors, sweden