

Genius Next Door
Regina Spektor

[Intro]

Em Am D G

Em Am D G

[Verse 1]

Em Am Some said the local lake had been enchanted
D G Others said it must have been the weather
Em Am The neighbors were trying to keep it quiet
D G But I swear that I could hear the laughter
Em Am So they jokingly nicknamed it the porridge
D G Cause overnight that lake had turned as thick as butter
Em Am But the local kids would still go swimming, drinking
D G Saying that to them it didn t matter

[Chorus]

Am C
If you just hold in your breath
D G
Til you come back up in full
Am C
Hold in your breath
D G
Til you thought it through, you fool

[Verse 2]

Em Am
The genius next door was busing tables
D G
Wiping clean the ketchup bottle labels
Em Am
Getting high and mumbling German fables
D G
Didn t care as long as he was able
Em Am
To strip his clothes off by the dumpster
D G
At night while everyone was sleeping
Em Am
And wade midway into that porridge

D Just him and the secret he was keeping **G**

[Chorus]

Am **C**
If you just hold in your breath
D **G**
Til you come back up in full
Am **C**
Hold in your breath
D **G** **Em**
Til you thought it through, you foolish child

[Instrumental]

Am C D G

Am C D G

[Verse 3]

Em **Am**
In the morning the film crews start arriving
D **G**
With donuts, coffee and reporters
Em **Am**
The kids were waking up hungover
D **G**
The neighbors were starting up their cars
Em **Am**
The garbage men were emptying the dumpsters
D **G**
Atheists were praying full of sarcasm
Em **Am**
And the genius next door was sleeping
D **G**
Dreaming that the antidote is orgasm

[Chorus]

Am **C**
If you just hold in your breath
D **G**
Til you come back up in full
Am **C**
Hold in your breath
D **G** **Em**
Til you thought it through, you foolish child

[Outro]

Am D G

Em Am D G