

# THE *Lotte Lenya* COMPETITION SONGBOOK

## “Killin’ Time” from *Washington Square*

*Music and lyrics by Ben Wexler*

LUI DIRENZO:

DON'T YOU GO GETTIN' NO WRONG IMPRESSIONS ABOUT ME  
I AIN'T A HOMO OR NOTHIN' LIKE THAT  
I AIN'T PICKING UP MEN  
I'M A DUDE IN A DRESS AND SOME HEELS AND I'M JUST KILLIN' TIME

SEE PEOPLE IN THIS PARK, THEY DON'T GIVE A SHIT, THEY DON'T WANNA  
TALK IF YOU'RE NORMAL  
GOTTA BE INT'RESTING HERE TO IMPRESS  
SO I PUT ON THIS DRESS  
THEY APPROACH, AND THEY GAWK, BUT WE TALK, AND WE'RE JUST  
KILLIN' TIME

SOME TIME AGO, MAYBE SIX MONTHS OR SO,  
I WAS RIGHT THERE, SITTING RIGHT THERE  
IN A T-SHIRT AND JEANS  
FEELING UNLOVED AND ALONE AND DEPRESSED  
SO I CAME HERE THE NEXT MORNIN' AND CHANGED HOW I DRESSED

AND LIKE NIGHT AND DAY PEOPLE STARTED TO TREAT ME REAL  
DIFF'RENT  
STARTED APPROACHING AND ASKIN' ME -- WHY?  
SOMETIMES JUST SAYIN HI.  
THIS REALLY AIN'T MORE THAN A GAG  
BUT AT LEAST I AIN'T HERE ON MY OWN  
IT SURE AS HELL BEATS KILLIN' TIME ALONE

SO COME WITH YOUR QUESTIONS AND COME WITH YOUR POLAROID  
CAMERAS  
TAKE A PICTURE AND SHOW IT TO FRIENDS AND SHIT  
JUST DON'T PUBLISH IT  
'CAUSE MY RELATIVES DON'T REALLY KNOW THAT I DO THIS

BUT SCREW IT IT'S GREAT GETTIN' NOTICED BY ABSOLUTE STRANGERS  
PRANCIN' AROUND LIKE YOU'RE FANCY FREE  
THIS IS FUN FOR ME  
IN ALLA MY YEARS IT'S THE MOST FUN I'VE HAD KILLIN' TIME

SOME TIME AGO, MAYBE SIX MONTHS OR SO,  
I WAS RIGHT THERE, SITTING RIGHT THERE  
IN A T-SHIRT AND JEANS  
FEELIN' HELPLESS AND FROZEN WITH FEAR  
CAUSE THE DOCTOR JUST TOLD ME I HAD ONE MORE YEAR

*(beat, then big)*

LOOK, CANCER IS CANCER. WHAT THE FUCK ELSE CAN I DO  
CURSE AT THE DOCTOR OR BREAK DOWN AND CRY?  
OR JUST LAY DOWN AND DIE?  
I'D RATHER BE HERE IN THE PARK  
POSING FOR SHOT AFTER SHOT  
THIS IS HOW I'LL BE KILLIN' THE TIME I'VE GOT

I TAKE IT A STEP AT A TIME  
I TAKE IT A DAY AT A TIME  
MAKE EACH CONVERSATION A JOY

You sure you don't wanna take my picture? (Know what, you can publish it, put it on a postcard do whatever you want... Ooooh I can picture my sister seein it', sayin' "LOOK, LOOOOK! I always KNEW he was a fuckin' LOON!!" *(joyous laughter)*

SURE IT COMES OFF A BIT CRASS  
BUT WHAT THE FUCK ELSE CAN I DO  
I GOTTA KILL TIME 'TIL THE TIME IS THROUGH  
I WANNA BE HERE  
I WANNA BE HERE KILLIN' TIME WITH YOU

*(big button)*