

# Don't Be Difficult

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i find myself revisiting you  
like an errant houseguest who refuses to leave  
and makes a mess of everything

*leave!* and all will be as it was before  
we will have known each other less closely  
and it wouldn't be as hard to remove you from memory

but instead you are occasionally front and center  
you make things awkward, make silences unbearable  
your absences fill up the room much more than your appearances

shall i resign myself to such a fate?  
where sleeplessness pops up between my restful nights  
shall i tell myself "*there's no doing anything about it*"  
and maybe one day it'll solve itself?

maybe eventually time  
will erase our time together  
and you'll be not much more  
than just someone that i used to know

