SMOTHERED GREEN BEANS AND CHERRY TOMATOES*

4 tbs. extra virgin olive oil 2 lbs. green beans, trimmed 2 pints cherry tomatoes, washed Salt and pepper.

Put two tablespoons of the olive oil in a skillet and turn heat to high. Add beans and cook undisturbed, until they begin to brown a little on the bottom. Do this in batches if skillet is not large enough. Put tomatoes in skillet and cover and cook over low heat stirring occasionally for about an hour till done.

Season with salt and pepper, add remaining 2 tbs. of olive oil and serve.

*Quick and Easy Recipes, Mark Bittman, Broadway Books 2007.