

Billy Boy Arnold

"Take Down The Union Jack"

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Take down the Union Jack, it clashes with the sunset
And put it in the attic with the emperors old clothes
When did it fall apart? Sometime in the 80s
When the Great and the Good gave way to the greedy
and the mean
Britain isn't cool you know, its really not that great
It's not a proper country, it doesn't even have a patron
saint
It's just an economic union that's passed its sell-by
date
Take down the Union Jack, it clashes with the sunset
And ask our Scottish neighbours if independence looks
any good
'Cos they just might understand how to take an
abstract notion
Of personal identity and turn it into nationhood
Is this the 19th century that I'm watching on tv?
The dear old Queen of England handing out those
MBEs
Member of the British Empire - that doesn't sound too
good to me
Gilbert and George are taking the piss aren't they?
Gilbert and George are taking the piss.
What could be more British than here's a picture of my
bum?
Gilbert and George are taking the piss
Take down the Union Jack, it clashes with the sunset
And pile all those history books, but don't throw them
away
They just might have some clues about what it really
means
To be an Anglo hyphen Saxon in England.co.uk

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