

## **Billy Bragg** **"Everywhere"**

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?Dig in, boys, for an extended stay?  
Those were the final orders to come down that day  
Waiting to be saved in the Philippines  
You'll wait forever for the young Marines

Now I believe to be here is right  
But I have to say that I'm scared tonight  
Crouching in this hole with a mouth full of sand  
What comes first, the country or the man?

Look at those slanted eyes  
Coming up over the hill  
Catching us by surprise  
It's time to kill or to be killed

Over here, over there  
It's the same everywhere  
A boy cries out for his mama  
Before he dies for his home

All my life I wanted to be  
As clever and strong as my best friend Lee  
We grew up together along Half Moon Bay  
Lee was Japanese, born in the USA

When Tommy was fighting Jerry along the River Seine  
Me and Lee, we wanted to do the same  
Then they bombed Pearl Harbor at the break of day  
I was headed for these islands while Lee was hauled  
away

They said, ?Look at his slanted eyes  
He's guilty as guilty can be?  
Sent here as enemy spies  
To sabotage the Land of the Free

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Before he dies for his home

I never got home, my platoon was never saved

That little foxhole became my island grave  
Lee got out of jail but a prisoner he remained  
'Til he ended his own life to lose that ball and chain

And they said, "Oh, Little Slanted Eyes  
Can't you forgive and forget?"  
And he said, "Oh, Mr. Friendly Ghost  
Can you catch water in a net??"

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