

## **Billy Bragg**

# **"Greetings to The New Brunette"**

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Shirley,  
It's quite exciting to be sleeping here in this new room  
Shirley,  
You're my reason to get out of bed before noon  
Shirley,  
You know when we sat out on the fire escape talking  
Shirley,  
What did you say about running before we were  
walking

Sometimes when we're as close as this  
It's like we're in a dream  
How can you lie there and think of England  
When you don't even know who's in the team

Shirley,  
Your sexual politics have left me all of a muddle  
Shirley,  
We are joined in the ideological cuddle

I'm celebrating my love for you  
With a pint of beer and a new tattoo  
And if you haven't noticed yet  
I'm more impressionable when my cement is wet

Politics and pregnancy  
Are debated as we empty our glasses  
And how I love those evening classes

Shirley,  
You really know how to make a young man angry  
Shirley,  
Can we get through the night without mentioning family

The people from your church agree  
It's not much of a career  
Trying the handles of parked cars  
Whoops, there goes another year  
Whoops, there goes another pint of beer

Here we are in our summer years  
Living on icecream and chocolate kisses

Would the leaves fall from the trees  
If I was your old man and you were my missus

Shirley,  
Give my greetings to the new brunette

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