

# Billy Bragg

## "I Dreamed I Saw Phil Ochs Last Night"

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I dreamed I saw Phil Ochs last night  
Alive as you and me  
Says I to Phil, "You're ten years dead?"  
"I never died", says he  
"I never died", says he

The music business killed you Phil  
I ignored the things you said  
And cast you out when fashions changed  
Says Phil, "But I ain't dead"  
Says Phil, "But I ain't dead"

The FBI harassed you Phil  
They smeared you with their lies  
Says he, "But they could never kill  
What they could not compromise  
I never compromised"

"Though fashion's changed and critics sneered  
The songs that I have sung  
Are just as true tonight as then  
The struggle carries on  
The struggle carries on"

When the song of freedom rings out loud  
From valleys and from hills  
Where people stand up for their rights  
Phil Ochs is with us still  
Phil Ochs inspires us still

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