

## **Billy Bragg**

# **"Must I Paint You a Picture"**

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It's bad timing and me  
We find a lot of things out this way  
And there's you  
A little black cloud in a dress

The temptation to take the precious things  
We have apart to see how they work  
Must be resisted for they never fit together again  
If this is rain, let it fall on me and drown me  
If these are tears let them fall

Must I paint you a picture  
About the way that I'd feel?  
You know my love for you is strong, girl  
You know my love for you is real

It took a short walk and a talk  
To change the rules of engagement  
While you searched frantically  
For reverse

And then claiming that virtue never tested  
Is no virtue at all  
And so I lost my ignorance  
And now the bells across the river chime out your name  
I look across to them again

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You know my love for you is real

All your friends said come down, it will never fly  
And on that imperfect day we threw it all away  
Crisis after crisis, with such intensity  
This would never happen if we lived by the sea

Most important decisions in life  
Are made between two people in bed  
I found that out at my expense

And when I see you

You just turn around and walk away like we never met  
Oh, we used to be so brave  
I dreamt the world stopped turning as we climbed the  
hill  
I dreamt impossible dreams that we were lovers still

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Oh, must I paint you a picture  
About the way that I'd feel?  
You know my love for you is strong, girl  
You know my love for you is real

Must I paint you a picture  
About the way that I'd feel?  
Love is strong, love is real  
Must I paint you a picture?

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