

## **Billy Bragg** **"Tank Park Salute"**

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Kiss me goodnight and say my prayers  
Leave the light on at the top of the stairs  
Tell me the names of the stars up in the sky  
A tree taps on the window pane  
That feeling smothers me again  
Daddy, is it true that we all have to die?

At the top of the stairs is darkness  
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I closed my eyes and when I looked  
Your name was in the memorial book  
And what had become of all the things we planned  
I accepted the commiserations  
Of all your friends and your relations  
But there's some things I still don't understand

You were so tall, how could you fall?

Some photographs of a summer's day  
A little boy's lifetime away  
Is all I've left of everything we've done  
Like a pale moon in a sunny sky  
Death gazes down as I pass by  
To remind me that I'm but my father's son

I offer up to you, this tribute  
I offer up to you, this tank park salute

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