

## **Billy Bragg** **"The Passion"**

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The fear of a daughter runs high  
In the mind of a father to be  
For something is growing inside  
But we don't talk about it, do we?

In the long empty passionless night  
Many times to herself she has prayed  
That the baby will love her much more  
Than the big boy who stole her away

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A grown man a long time to learn  
Just what it would take  
A child a night to learn

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It pains her to learn  
That some things will never be right  
If the baby is just  
Someone else to take sides in a fight

Harsh words between bride and groom  
The distance is greater each day  
He smokes alone in the next room  
And she knits her life away

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A long time ago  
She saw visions on the stairs

And when she felt dizzy  
Her mother was always there

The home help is no help at all  
I have not committed a crime  
Angels gaze down from the wall  
Is there a God? Is there a next time?

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