

Billy Bragg

"There Will Be A Reckoning"

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Somewhere between the midnight
And the cold and empty dawn
I found myself out walking
On the streets where I was born
And I came upon a stranger
Who looked me in the face
And asked me what I was doing
In this god forsaken place

I don't need to be forgiven
For something I haven't done
Not for wanting my family
To find their place in the sun
If you keep this pressure on
Just don't be surprised
If I can't summon up my dignity
While you're roughing up my pride

There will be a reckoning
For the pedlars of hate,
Who spread their poison all across this estate
And a reckoning too, for the politicians who
Left us to this fate
There will be a reckoning

Just a few days later, a man came to my door
To ask me if I thought that
This place was worth fighting for
And though I recognize his reasons
I just could not agree
When they told me that my neighbor
Would be my enemy

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