

Billy Bragg "Walk Away Renee"

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She said it was just a figment of speech

And I said you mean 'figure'

And she said no 'figment' because she could never
imagine it happening

But it did

When we first met, I played the shy-boy

When she spoke to me for the first time, my nose
began to bleed

She guessed the rest

The next day we went on a bus ride to the ferry

And when nobody came to collect our fares, why I knew
then this was

something special

I couldn't stop thinking about her

And everytime I switched on the radio, there was
somebody else singing

a song about the two of us

It was just like being on a fast ride at Fun Fair- the sort
you want to get off

because it's scary and then, as soon as you're off
again, you want to

get straight ba

ck on again

But oh love is strange

And you have to learn to take the crunchy with the
smooth I suppose

She began going out with Mr. Potato Head

It was when I saw her in the car park with his coat
around her shoulders

I realized

I went home and thought about the two of them
together until the bath

water went cold around me

I thought about her eyes and the curve of her breasts
and about the point

where their bodies met

I confronted her about it

I said 'I'm the most illegible bachelor in town'

And she said 'Yea, that's why I can never understand
any of those silly

letters you send me'
And then one day it happened
She cut her hair
And I stopped loving her.

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