

Lay Down Your Weary Tune

Billy Bragg

Lay down your weary tune, lay down
Lay down the song you strum
And rest yourself 'neath the strength of strings
No voice can hope to hum
Struck by the sounds before the sun
I knew the night had gone
The morning breeze like a bugle blew
Against the drums of dawn
Lay down your weary tune, lay down
Lay down the song you strum
And rest yourself 'neath the strength of strings
No voice can hope to hum
The ocean wild like an organ played
The seaweeds wove its strands
The crashin' waves like cymbals clashed
Against the rocks and the sands
Lay down your weary tune, lay down
Lay down the song you strum
And rest yourself 'neath the strength of strings
No voice can hope to hum
I stood unwound beneath the skies
And clouds unbound by laws
The cryin' rain like a trumpet sang
And asked for no applause
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And rest yourself 'neath the strength of strings
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The last of leaves fell from the trees
And clung to a new love's breast
The branches bare like a banjo moaned
To the winds that listened best
I gazed down in the river's mirror
And watched its winding strum
The water smooth ran like a hymn
And like a harp did hum
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