## The Boy With the Arab Strap

## **Belle and Sebastian**

A mile and a half on a bus takes a long time The odor of old prison food takes a long time to pass you by Day upon day of this wandering gets you down Nobody gives you a chance or a dollar in this old townHovering silence from you is a giveaway Squalor and smokes not your style I don't like this place we better go Then I compare notes with your older sister I am a lazy gett She is as pure as the cold driven snowWhat did you learn from your time in the solitary Cell of your mind there was noises distractions From anything good and the old prison food Color my life with the chaos of trouble 'cause anythings better Than posh isolation I missed the bus you were laid on your back With the boy from the Arab strap, with the boy from the Arab strapIt's something to speak of the way you are feeling To crowds there assembled, do you ever feel you have gone too far? Everyone suffers in silence a burden the man who drives minicab's Down in old Compton the Asian man With his love hate affair with his racist clienteleA central location for you is a must as you stagger about making free With your lewd and lascivious boasts We all know you are soft 'cause we've all seen you dancing We all know you are hard 'cause we all saw you drinking from noon Until noon again, you're the boy with the filthy laugh You're the boy with the Arab strapStrapped to the table with suits from the shelter shop comic celebrity Takes a back seat as the cigarette catches and sets off the smoke alarm What do you make of the cool set in London? You're constantly updating your hit parade of your ten biggest wanks She's a waitress and she's got style

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