

The Passion

Billy Bragg

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