Must I Paint You a Picture (Extended Version)

Billy Bragg

It's bad timing and me
We find a lot of things out this way
And there's you
A little black cloud in a dressThe temptation
To take the precious things we have apart
To see how they work
Must be resisted for they never fit together againIf this is rain let it fall on me and drown me
If these are tears let them fall
Must I paint you a picture
About the way that I feel?You know my love for you is strong, girl
You know my love for you is real
It took a short walk and a talk
To change the rules of engagementWhile you searched frantically for reverse
And them claiming
That virtue never tested is no virtue at all
And so I lost my ignoranceAnd now the bells across the river chime out your name
I look across to them again
Must I paint you a picture
About the way that I feel?You know my love for you is strong, girl
You know my love for you is real
All your friends said come down
It will never flyAnd on that imperfect day
We threw it all away
Crisis after crisis
With such intensityThis would never happen if we lived by the sea
Most important decisions in life
Are made between two people in bed
I found that out at my expenseAnd when I see you
You just turn around and walk away like we never met
Oh we used to be so brave
I dreamt the world stopped turning as we climbed the hillI dreamt impossible dreams that we were lovers still
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You know my love for you is real [Repeat]

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