

# Nobody's Empire

## Belle and Sebastian

Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

Lying on my bed, I was reading French  
With the light too bright for my senses  
From this hiding place life was way too much  
It was loud and rough round the edges So I faced the wall when an old man called  
Out of dreams that I would die there  
But a sight unseen, you were pulling strings  
You had a different idea I was like a child, I was lying strong  
And my father lifted me up there  
Took me to a place where they checked my body  
My soul was floating in thin-air I clung to the bed and I clung to the past  
I clung to the welcome darkness  
But at the end of the night there's a green green light  
The quiet before the madness There was a girl that sang like the chime of a bell  
And she put out her arm,  
she touched me when I was in hell  
When I was in hell Someone sang a song and I sang along  
Cause I knew the words from my childhood  
Intellect ambition they fell away  
And they locked me up for my own good But I didn't mind, cause the silence was kind  
It spoke to me in whispers  
There was the sound of the wind and the cold cold dawn  
And the quiet hum of business Let me dangle awhile in this waiting room  
I don't need to go I don't need to know what you're doing  
Know what you're doing Lying on my side you were half awake  
And your face was tired and crumpled  
If I had a camera I'd snap you now  
Cause there's beauty in every stumble We are out of practice we're out of sight  
On the edge of nobody's empire  
And if we live by books and we live by hope  
Does that make us targets for gunfire? Now I look at you, you're a mother of two  
You're a quiet revolution  
Marching with the crowd, singing dirty and loud

For the people's emancipation  
Did I do okay, did I pave the way?  
Was I strong when you were wanting?  
I was tied to the yoke with a decent bloke  
Who was stern but never daunting  
And he told me to push and he made me feel well  
He told to me to leave that vision of hell to the dying  
Oh to the dying

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