

# Beautiful South, Have You Ever Been Away

Beautiful South

Welcome To The Beautiful South

Have You Ever Been Away

Your 'fight them on the beaches' speeches make me despair

'Cause if there's one thing we can guarantee is you will not be there

Tidying your room, making up your bed

And if your diary's full that week you'll send us lots instead

Send us lots instead, put a poppy by my lover's bed

We believe you when you say you've hurt your back

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Where were you when we took Calais?

You don't know, you don't care

You're just glad that you wasn't there

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I'm afraid your Rule Britannia mania doesn't ring so true

If I was captain of the waves I'd turn the gun on you

Any last requests before you join dead?

I'll crap into your Union Jack and wrap it round your head

Wrap it round your head, take a look at all the blood we've shed

We'll believe you when you say it was worth it

Liberate the streets of Europe, give our kids a chance

Give them Beaujolais by tap and cheap day trips to France

But you have never seen or smelt this ungodly death

It's like the stench of roasted lamb upon your father's breath