

# Billy Bragg And The Blokes, Take Down The Union

Take down the Union Jack, it clashes with the sunset  
And put it in the attic with the emperors old clothes  
When did it fall apart? Sometime in the 80s  
When the Great and the Good gave way to the greedy and the mean  
Britain isn't cool you know, its really not that great  
It's not a proper country, it doesn't even have a patron saint  
It's just an economic union that's passed its sell-by date

Take down the Union Jack, it clashes with the sunset  
And ask our Scottish neighbours if independence looks any good  
Cos they just might understand how to take an abstract notion  
Of personal identity and turn it into nationhood  
Is this the 19th century that I'm watching on tv?  
The dear old Queen of England handing out those MBEs  
Member of the British Empire - that doesn't sound too good to me

Gilbert and George are taking the piss aren't they?  
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What could be more British than here's a picture of my bum?  
Gilbert and George are taking the piss

Take down the Union Jack, it clashes with the sunset  
And pile all those history books, but don't throw them away  
They just might have some clues about what it really means  
To be an Anglo hyphen Saxon in [England.co.uk](http://England.co.uk)