

# Billy Bragg, To Have & To Have Not

Up in the morning and out to school  
Mother says there'll be no work next year  
Qualifications once the golden rule  
Are now just pieces of paper

Just because you're better than me  
Doesn't mean I'm lazy  
Just because you're going forwards  
Doesn't mean I'm going backwards

If you look the part you'll get the job  
In last year's trousers and your old school shoes  
The truth is son, it's a buyer's market  
They can afford to pick and choose

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Doesn't mean I'm lazy  
Just because I dress like this  
Doesn't mean I'm a communist

The factories are closing and the army's full -  
I don't know what I'm going to do  
But I've come to see in the land of the free  
There's only a future for the chosen few

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At twenty one you're on to of the scrapheap  
At sixteen you were top of the class  
All they taught you at school  
Was how to be a good worker  
The system has failed you, don't fail yourself

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