

# Tripod, If Billy Bragg

If Billy Bragg was Mary  
in Bethlehem that night  
when he got turned away from the inn  
would he have been so polite  
heavily pregnant and grumpy  
would he have quietly moved along  
or would he have stayed and stood his ground  
and written a protest song

"No room at the inn my arse  
no room at the inn  
So you're telling me if i was famous  
I still wouldn't get in  
I know that you guys keep rooms free  
that you put aside for VIPs  
It's not that there's no room at the inn  
There's just no room for me"

If Billy Bragg was Pilot  
would he have let things ride  
when they dragged the messiah before him  
and called out for regicide  
Would BB have simply washed his hands  
in front of the bloodthirsty throng  
or would he have shown them who's the really the boss  
by writing a protest song

"Don't kill him he's just a bloke  
He ain't done nothing wrong  
If having ideas is such a crime  
They'd stick me up for writing this song  
Just because his ideas are strange  
Is that any reason to exhulrange  
It's not that you want to kill Jesus  
your just petrified of change"

If Billy Bragg was Jesus  
at the sermon on the hill  
when he found that there weren't enough fishes or loaves  
for the crowd to eat their fill  
Would he have performed a miracle  
fed the crowd 10,000 strong  
or would he have just made them angrier  
by writing a protest song

"The romans took our homes from us  
The romans took our pride  
Who cares about loaves and fishes  
When your country is occupied  
You do, The answer is, You do  
And I' m sorry i cant provide  
As fas loaves and fishes go  
I could organize some sort of benefit concert  
But by the time I've printed the leaflets  
You'd ave probably starved and died"