

# Nobody's Empire

Belle and Sebastian

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 light as straw  
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  
It's 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