

## England, Half English

Billy Bragg

My mother was half English and I'm half English too  
I'm a great big bundle of culture, tied up in the red white and blue  
I'm a fine example of your Essex man  
And I'm well familiar with the Hindustan  
'Cause my neighbors are half English and I'm half English too

My breakfast was half English and so am I, you know  
I had a plate of Marmite soldiers, washed down with a cappuccino  
And I have a veggie curry about once a week  
The next day I fry it up as bubble and squeak  
'Cause my appetites, half English and I'm half English too

Dance with me to this very English melody  
From morris dancing to Morrissey  
All that stuff came from across the sea

Britannia, she's half English, she speaks Latin at home  
St. George was born in the Lebanon, how he got here I don't know  
And those three lions on your shirt  
They never sprang from England's dirt  
Them lions are half English and I'm half English too

Le-li, umma le-li-ya, le-li Umma le-li-ya  
Le-li, umma le-li-ya, bledi g'desh akh! le-li-ya

Oh, my country, what a beautiful country you are