

Like Soldiers Do

Billy Bragg

Blue eyes fighting the grey eyes fighting the tears
Armed to the teeth for a war of words
Reaching all the years
I advanced across a poppy field
I saw the gleam as you raised your shield
And love screamed down
With the sun behind its back

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Shall we be soldiers too
Fighting and falling like soldiers do

Nothing is clear in this tactical unclear war
I can't be bothered to find out
What we are fighting for
No one can win this war of the senses
I see no reason to drop my defences
So stand fast my emotions,
Rally round my shaking heart

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I knew once again I was under attack
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