

# O Freedom

Billy Bragg

The policemen broke my door down  
Dragged me from my bed  
I asked them what was happening  
They just ignored the words I said

They waved their guns in my face  
Kept screaming out my name  
Something terrible had happened  
And somehow I was to blame

O freedom, what liberties are taken in thy name  
In thy name  
O freedom, what liberties are taken  
What liberties are taken  
What liberties are taken in thy name

My accusers formed a jury  
The judge and the defense  
The charges were made known to me  
But not the evidence

There was no guilty verdict  
Yet, still I was detained  
Flown to another country where  
Their methods are less constrained

O freedom, what liberties are taken in thy name  
In thy name  
O freedom, what liberties are taken  
What liberties are taken  
What liberties are taken in thy name

In our determination  
To defend democracy  
We must not destroy the safeguards  
That underpin our liberty

For who will pay the price if  
Injustice such as this  
Turns our protectors to oppressors  
And angry men to terrorists?

O freedom, what liberties are taken in thy name  
In thy name  
O freedom, what liberties are taken  
What liberties are taken  
What liberties are taken in thy name