

## Tender Comrade

Billy Bragg

What will you do when the war is over, tender comrade  
When we lay down our weary guns  
When we return home to our wives and families  
And look into the eyes of our sons  
What will you say of the bond we had, tender comrade  
Will you say that we were brave  
As the shells fell all around us  
Or that we wept and cried for our mothers  
And cursed our fathers  
For forgetting that all men are brothers

Will you say that we were heroes  
Or that fear of dying among strangers  
Tore our innocence and false shame away  
And from that moment on deep in my heart I knew  
That I would only give my life for love

Brothers in arms in each other arms  
Was the only time that I was not afraid  
What will you do when the war is over, tender comrade  
When we cast off these khaki clothes  
And go our separate ways  
What will you say of the bond we had  
Tender comrade