

# Wagner At The Opera

Chumbawamba

I'm laying on the pavement  
And the last thing I recall  
Picked up by the arms and legs  
And taken from the hall  
For squaring up to culture  
In the circle and the stall

All because they're playing Wagner at the opera  
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Hurt can make you act without  
Apology or regret  
Over half a century  
But still I can't forget  
Ideology makes a mockery  
Of the string quartet

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When they came to take me  
I was standing on a chair  
I can't keep quiet  
I have something to declare  
Listen to my rattle  
For my rattle says "Beware"

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A rattle for remembering  
The rattle of the chains  
A rattle for remembering  
The rattle of the trains  
From Warsaw down the decades  
To hell and home again

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For everyone we lost  
I swing the rattle loud and long  
I swing it 'til I drown out  
All the music and the songs  
This tattoo will last forever  
And my memory is long

Here's to no more playing Wagner at the opera  
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