

Lovers Town  
Billy Bragg

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>From the first Peel session(21/2/84), available on the Strange Fruit CD (SFCD114).

It sounds like there are two guitar tracks on this, one playing the bass part and a second one doing the fills up around the ninth fret. I ve tried to tab it out so that you can play both parts at the same time (that is, you don t have to be at the fourth and ninth position at the same time).

Frinstance for the fill around only knew what they taught me , guitar 2 actually plays :

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e-----11--|
B-----9h11----|
only knew what they taught me
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but you can get away with playing:

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e-----4/--11--
only knew what they taught me
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....and still be playing the bass part/chord at the same time :)

Everything s played with a barred E shape. It s in Ab.

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E A D G B e
4 6 6 5 4 4 - Ab
11 13 13 12 11 11 - Eb
9 11 11 10 9 9 - Db
8 10 10 8 8 8 - Cm
6 8 8 7 6 6 - Bb
x 8 10 10 9 8 - Fm
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The intro & verses bass part pretty much just follows the progression  
Ab Eb Db Eb....

..sometimes just following the bass notes, with a bit of percussion :



Ab Eb Db Eb D-13-----|  
 only knew what they taught me remember when they caught me

Db Eb Ab  
 e-----|  
 B--9-----11-----|  
 G-10-----12-----|  
 D-11-----13-----|  
 A-11-----13-----|  
 E--9-----11--11-11--9-8-6-4-|  
 not disobeying, just trying to get out of the way

e-4--/-11-- e--9--9-----|  
 B-4--/-11-- B--9--9--11---11---|  
 Ab Eb Db G-----12---12---|  
 it came to a head one night two dances two fights

e-----11-----11---9-9---11--98-----4-|  
 B--9/11-----11-----9-----11-----|  
 G-----|  
 Ab Eb Db Eb  
 all my mates just ran away

e---11-|  
 e-11-11- B---11-|  
 B-11-11- G-12---|  
 Ab Eb Db Eb D-13---|  
 & as I walked home with blood and the tears on my best shirt

B--9-----11-11-11--|  
 G-10-----12-12-12--|  
 Ab Eb Db Eb  
 and someone said will they come after you?

e-----|  
 B-----|  
 G-10-----7-----|  
 D-11-----8-----|  
 A-11-----8-----|  
 E--9-----9--8--6-----6--8-----|  
 I began to wonder what did I do wrong here

Db Db/Eb  
 e-----|  
 B-----|  
 G-10-----|  
 D-11-----11/13-----|  
 A-11-----11/13-----|  
 E--9-----9--9/11-----|

I began to wonder do I belong here ?

[chorus]: [listen to the CD for the strumming]

Eb Db Cm Bb  
you think that love only exists in your eyes  
but it exists in girls smiles x2

[last time]:

Eb Db Cm Fm Db Db Db Db Db [stop]  
but it exists in girls smi--iiii---iles

N.C.  
in lovers town

Ab Eb Db Eb  
e-----9--9-----11-11-11-11-----|  
B-----x-----9--9-----11-11-11-11--12--|  
G-----x--5-----12-12-12-12--12--|  
D--6---x--6--/13-----13--|  
A--6-----|  
E--4-----|

Ab Eb Db Eb  
e--4-----9--9-----11-----|  
B--4---x-----9--9-----11--11-----|  
G--5---x--5-----12-----|  
D--6---x--6--/13-----|  
A--6-----|  
E--4-----|

[verse2]

Ab Eb Db Eb  
I was lonely then the whole world had it in for me  
how cool I must have been all metal comb and misery  
if ever you go back there s lessons still to be learned  
those same boys are waiting outside the dancehall for when you return

[chorus]

[then play this riff right through until the end]

Ab Cm Db Eb  
e-----44-44-----8-8--8-8-----9-9--9-9-----11-----11--|  
B-----44-44-----8-8--8-8-----9-9--9-9-----11-----11--|  
G-----55-55-----8-8--8-8-----1010-1010-----12-----12--|  
D-----66-66-----1010--1010-----1111-1111-----13-----13--|  
A--6-----10-----10-----|

E--4-----8-----9-----11----- (11)----- |

Ab Cm Db Eb  
e-----44-44-----8-8--8-8-----9-9--9-9-----11-----11-- |  
B-----44-44-----8-8--8-8-----9-9--9-9-----11-----11-- |  
G-----55-55-----8-8--8-8-----1010-1010-----12-----12-- |  
D-----66-66-----1010--1010-----1111-1111-----13-----13-- |  
A--6-----10-----10----- |  
E--4-----8-----9-----11----- (11)----- |

Ab Cm Db Eb  
e-----44-44-----88-88-----99-99-----11-----11-- |  
B-----44-44-----88-88-----99-99-----11-----11-- |  
G-----55-55-----88-88-----10-10-----12-----12-- |  
D-----66-66-----10-10-----11-11-----13-----13-- |  
A--6-----10-----10----- |  
E--4-----8-----9-----11----- (11)----- |

when the carpet s paid for you can have a party...

Ab Cm Db Eb  
and your friends can all come round  
but they were not my friends, my friends were in the future  
just as well I had the sense to hide for this was  
lovers town, no other town was quite like lovers  
lovers town, no other town was quite like lovers

lovers town, lovers town whoa, whoa, etc., lovers to----own,

[outro solo, guitar2]:

Ab Cm Db Eb  
e-----8-----9-----11----- |  
B--9----- |

Ab Cm Db Eb  
e-----8-----9-----11b13r11----- |  
B--9----- |

Ab Cm Db Eb  
e--(11)pb13-----13r11-----8-----9-----11----- |  
B-----9----- |

[gtr2 turns into a saxophone]

carry on with the Ab Cm Db Eb riff, then end on the Db

/ is slide up  
is slide down

x is strum, but mute the strings at the neck  
b is bend up  
r is release a bend  
--(11)pb13-- is fret at 11th, pre-bend to 13, then pick  
h is a hammer on

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