

**There Will Be A Reckoning**  
**Billy Bragg**

Intro: **Em G D**  
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(palm mute)

**Em** \* **G**  
Somewhere between the midnight  
**D** **Bm**  
And the cold and empty dawn  
**Em** **G**  
I found myself out walking  
**D** **Bm**  
On the streets where I was born  
**Em** **G**  
And I came upon a stranger  
**D** **Bm**  
Who looked Me in the face  
**Em** **G**  
And asked Me what I was doing  
**D** **Bm**  
In this god forsaken place

(play open)

**C/G** **G**  
I don t need to be forgiven For something I haven t done  
**D** **Em**  
No forewarning my family To find their place in the sun  
**C/B** **G**  
If you keep this pressure on Just don t be surprised  
**D** **Em**  
If I can t summon up My dignity While You re roughing up My pride

**Em** **Em**  
There will be a reckoning  
**C/G** **G** **D**  
For the peddlers of hate,  
**Em** **C/G** **G** **D**  
Who spread their poison all across this estate  
**Em** **C/B** **G** **D**  
And a reckoning too, for the politicians who  
**A** **C**  
Left Us to this fate  
**Em** **G** **D**  
There will be a reckoning

Em G D

(palm mute)

Em G D Bm  
Just a few days later, a man came to My door

Em G  
To ask Me if I thought that

D Bm  
This place was worth fighting for

Em G  
And though I recognize his reasons

D Bm  
I just could not agree

Em G  
When they told me that My neighbor

D Bm  
Would be My enemy

(play open)

C/G G  
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D Em  
No forewarning my family To find Their place in the sun

C/B G  
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D Em  
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Bm Em  
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