

**Where The Roses Are In Bloom**  
**Billy Bragg**

Billy Bragg & Wilco - Where The Roses Are In Bloom

Verse 1

They were [Bm]strolling in the gloaming  
Where the [Em]roses were in bloom  
A [G]soldier and his sweetheart lady [D]true  
And their [Bm]hearts were filled with sorrow  
And their [Em]thoughts were of tomorrow  
As she [G]pinned a rose upon his coat of [D]blue

Chorus 1

Do not [G]ask me love to linger  
When you [Em]know not what to say  
For [D]duty calls your sweetheart s name [Bm]again  
And your [G]heart need not be sighing  
If [Em]I be among the dying  
I ll be [D]with you when the [G]roses bloom [D]again

Verse 2

When the roses bloom again  
Beside the river  
And the mockingbird has sung his sweet refrain  
In the days of auld lang syne  
I ll be with you sweetheart mine  
I ll be with you when the roses bloom again

Verse 3

Mid the rattle of the battle  
Came a whisper soft and low  
A soldier who had fallen in the fray  
I am dying, I am dying  
And I know I ll have to go  
But I want to tell you  
Before I pass away

Chorus 2

There s a far and distant river  
Where the roses are in bloom

A sweetheart who is waiting there for me  
And it s there I pray you take me  
I ve been faithful, don t forsake me  
I ll be with her when the roses bloom again

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