

# Party of God (with Billy Bragg) [Remastered]

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In a busy street, a man sits down  
Oblivious to the traffic sounds  
No chaos, no frenzied shrieking crowd  
Thank God their silence, walking heads, bent down  
Come when they saw us  
Called it lethargy  
The treadmill turns  
There down below their feet  
Should I pray for an end to come  
Quickly, quickly, quickly, quickly  
Or cross the waves of an angry sea  
Risking, risking and braving, braving  
The shipwreck and the mutiny assailing, assailing  
In a haunted doorway and from the light of day  
See another life fall to ruin in pain  
False smiles from even children it seems  
Landlocked ground for empty and lost dreams  
A league against me  
I hear him say  
It's not worth half the effort  
Or the price you pay  
Should I pray for an end to come  
Quickly, quickly, quickly, quickly  
Or should I raise my face to the Heavens above  
And tell God, dear God, stop jeering and jeering  
As our human frailties and all our failings, are we failing?  
Pound, pound on an endless street  
Again and again the nightmare scene  
All strained against the tightened rope  
Not one with a lasting lingering hope  
There's evidence  
Everywhere you see  
Put a quarter down at the newsstand  
So that you can read  
Should I pray for an end to come  
Quickly, quickly, quickly, quickly  
Or should I raise my face to the clouds above  
Entreating, entreating  
Their mercy, some mercy  
But as clouds will do, they'll rain down  
First gently, gently and sweetly, so sweetly  
Until they silence me  
With a burst of thunder, thunder and lightning and lightning  
And helpless landlocked screaming  
I know god must be agreeing  
It's the worst part of watching  
It's the worst part of watching  
It's the worst part  
Landlocked in screaming  
God must be agreeing

To be helpless is the worst  
Must be the worst part of watching  
The worst part of watching  
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