

TELL OL' BILL

Written by Bob Dylan

Intro

A

The river whispers in my ear
I've hardly a penny to my name
The heavens never seemed so near
All my body glows with flame

B

The tempest struggles in the air
Unto myself alone I sing
It could sink me then and there
I can hear the echoes ring

B

I tried to find one smiling face
To drive the shadow from my head
I'm stranded in this nameless place (Take 3&4: this lonely place)
Lying restless in a heavy bed

Instrumental turnaround

A

Tell me straight out if you will
Why must you torture me within?
Why must you come from your high hill?
Throw my fate to the clouds and wind

B

Far away in a silent land
Secret thoughts are hard to bear
Remember me, you'll understand
Emotions we can never share

B

You trampled on me as you passed
Left the coldest kiss upon my brow
All my doubts and fears are gone at last
I've nothing more to tell you now

Instrumental turnaround

A

I walk by these tranquil lakes and streams
As each new season's dawn awaits
I lay awake at night with troubled dreams
The enemy is at the gate

B

Beneath the thunder blasted trees
The words are ringin' off your tongue
The ground is hard in times like these
The stars are cold, the night is young

(Take 2&3: Additional verse)

B

The rocks are bleak, the trees are bare
Iron clouds go floating by
Snowflakes fallin' in my hair
Beneath the gray and stormy sky

Instrumental turnaround

A

The evenin' sun is sinkin' low
The woods are dark, the town is too
They'll drag you down, they'll run the show
Ain't no telling what they'll do (Track 12?: They will beat you black and blue)

B

Tell ol' Bill when he comes home
Anything is worth a try
Tell him that I'm not alone
That the hour has come to do or die

B

All the world I would defy
Let me make it plain as day
I look at you and now and I sigh
How could it be any other way?

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