

Wilco, Billy Bragg, Woody Guthrie

Walt Whitman's Niece (Mermaid Ave)

Capo 2nd Fret. C = x32013 Walk up A-B-C notes where noted with asterisk ()*

Last night or the night before that,	I won't say which night *
A seaman friend of mine,	I'll not say which seaman,
Walked up to a big old building,	I won't say which building,
And would not have walked up the stairs,	Not to say which stairs, *
If there had not been two girls,	Leaving out the name of those two girls.

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I recall a door, a big long room,	I'll not tell which room, *
I remember a deep blue rug.	but I can't say which rug
A girl took down a book of poems,	not to say which book of poems
And as she read, I laid my head,	And I can't tell which head, *
Down in her lap, and	I can't remember which lap.

My seaman buddy and girl moved off	After a couple of pages and there I was,
All night long, laying and listening	And forgetting all the poems.
And as well as I could recall,	Or my seaman buddy could recollect,
My girl had told me that she was a niece	Of Walt Whitman, but not which niece, *
And it takes a night and a girl	And a book of this kind
	A long long time to find its way back

[Solo]

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