

Saffiyah Smiles

Billy Bragg

Angry white men dressed like Elmer Fudd
Shouting something about soil and blood
A woman of colour steps out from the crowd
Does something to make us all proud

Just like Victor Hugo told
"To love is to act" and her act was bold
Bold as love, she made her stand
And with a smile took power from the man

Oh, don't you know
We come together when Saffiyah smiles
All around the world
People come together when Saffiyah smiles

Cosplay Nazis marching in file
Hitler's haircut is back in style
Resistance on the streets of Birmingham
And with her smile she disarms the man

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