

## When Britain Refused To Sing

Black Box Recorder

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The announced it over the wireless  
New Years Eve at midnight  
It was all over the papers  
That Britain was now tongue-tied  
Maybe they did it out of kindness  
Maybe they did it out of politeness  
TV stopped giving away prizes  
There was radio silence  
Trade union meetings  
School assembly choirs  
On every football terrace  
Even the WI  
When Britain refused to sing  
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Shut your mouth, get out of my face  
I'll blow you away if you invade my space  
Stay off of my land, turn your stereo down  
When you drive through the village won't you please slow down?  
There are traps in the grass for the working-class  
So stick to the path, go home, have a bath  
All the farms have alarms, all the hills have eyes  
So for God's sake stay out of the countryside  
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La, la, la, la,la  
La, la, la, la,la  
La, la, la, la,la  
La, la, la, la,la  
They said it would be all over by Christmas  
There'd be a special carol service  
But Christmas came and went  
We were much too nervous  
I made us a time capsule  
One day they know how we feel  
I took our favourite record  
And buried it in a field  
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