

## Bilbao Song

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Bill's beer hall in bilbao, bilbao, bilbao,  
Was the most fantastic place I've ever known.  
For just a dollar you'd get all you wanted,  
All you wanted, all you wanted  
Of whatever kind of joy you called your own.  
But if you had been around to see the fun  
Well I don't know you might not like what you'd've seen;  
The stools at the bar were damp with rye,  
On the dancefloor the grass grew high,  
Through the roof the moon was shining green  
And the music really gave you some return on what you paid.  
Hey joe, play that old song they always played.

That ol' bilbao  
Down where we used to go  
Who remembers the words ...  
It's so long ago.  
I don't know if it would have brought you joy or grief but  
It was fantastic  
It was fantastic  
It was fantastic  
Beyond belief.

Bill's beer hall in bilbao, bilbao, bilbao,  
Came a day the end of may in 1908  
Four guys from bristol came with sacks of coal dust,  
Sacks of coal dust, sacks of coal dust  
And the time they showed us all was really great.  
But if you had been around to see the fun,  
Well I don't know you might not like what you'd've seen;  
The brandy bottles smashing through the air  
And the chairs flying everywhere,  
Through the roof the moon's still shining green  
And those fog eyes all going crazy with their pistols blazing high,  
Think you can stop 'em ? go ahead and try!

That ol' bilbao  
Down where we used to go  
Da da da da da da...  
Who remembers the words ?  
That ol' bilbao  
Casting it's golden glow,  
That ol' bilbao  
Love never laid me low  
That ol' bilbao  
Why does it haunt me so ?  
I don't know if it would have brought you joy or grief but  
It was fantastic  
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Beyond belief.

Bill's beer hall in bilbao, bilbao, bilbao,  
Now they've cleaned it up and made it middle class  
With potted palms and asprees  
Very bourgeois, very bourgeois  
Just another place to put your ass,

But if you could come around to see the fun  
Well, I don't know, you might not find it such a strain,  
Ha, they've cleaned up all the booze and broken glass,  
On parquet floors you can't grow grass,  
They've shut the green moon out because of rain  
And the music makes you cringe now when you think of what you paid.  
Hey joe, play that ol' song they always played;

That ol' bilbao  
Down where we used to go  
That ol' bilbao  
Casting it's golden glow  
That ol' bilbao moon  
Love never laid me low  
That ol' bilbao  
Why does it haunt me so ?  
I don't know if it would have brought you joy or grief but  
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Beyond belief.  
So long ago.