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It may have been Camelot for Jack and Jacqueline,
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but on the Che Guevara highway filling up with gasoline,
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Fidel Castro's brother spies a rich lady who's crying
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over luxury's disappointment, so he walks over and he's trying
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to sympathize with her, but he thinks that he should warn her,
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that the Third World is just around the corner.

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at the first hurdle.

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In the Cheese Pavilion and the only noise I hear
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is the sound of people stacking chairs and mopping up spilt beer,
F G C C/B Am G
and someone asking questions and basking in the light
F G C C/B Am (riff) C C/B Am (riff)
of the fifteen fame filled minutes of the fanzine writer.

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Mixing pop and politics, he asks me what the use is,
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I offer him embarrassment and my usual excuses,
F G C C/B Am G
while looking down the corridor out to where the van is waiting
F G C C/B Am (riff) C C/B Am (riff)
I'm looking for the Great Leap Forwards.

waiting for the great leap forwards

BILLY BRAGG

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Jumble sales are organized and pamphlets have been posted,
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even after closing time there's still parties to be hosted.
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You can be active with the activists or sleep in with the sleepers
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F G
Oh, one leap forward, two leaps back,
C C/B Am G
will politics get me the sack?
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Waiting for the Great Leap Forwards.

Well, here comes the future and you can't run from it,
if you've got a blacklist, I want to be on it,
waiting for the Great Leap Forwards.

Well, it's a mighty long way down rock 'n' roll,
from Top of the Pops to drawing the dole,
waiting for the Great Leap Forwards.

If no one happens to understand,
start your own revolution, cut out the middleman,
waiting for the Great Leap Forwards.

In a perfect world we'd all sing in tune
but this is reality so give us some room.
waiting for the Great Leap Forwards. (Beam me up Scotty!)

So join the struggle, while you might
the revolution is just a t-shirt away
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