

Are we to part like this, Bill?

1. Three weeks a - - go, no lon - - ger, I was as gay as a
bird on the wing. Since me and Bill have been par - ted, you know,
Life seems to be all of a glee. I saw him out with a -
no - ther last night, You can guess how I feeld when I crept by his side, and said:
Chorus
Are we to part like this, Bill? Are we to part this
way? _____ Is it to be her or me? Don't be a -
fraid to say, _____ Ev' - ry - thing's o - ver be - - tween us,
Don't nev - er pass me by. _____ You and me, friends could
be, for the sake of the days gone by. _____

2. We went to school together
Lived side by side, me and Bill, in the mews
When 'e was ill, too, I stayed up for nights
Nursed him - to do it I'd never refuse
'E used to tell me his wife I should be
I never thought that he'd turn against me
Sleeping or waking, at work or at home
I find myself murmuring this,

Chorus:

3. Down in a little laundry
Me and 'er work side by side every day
She was my pal and I looked to 'er well
Trusted and helped 'er in every way
Still if my Bill cares more for 'er than me
I wish 'em no harm no, but prosperity
I try to forget him, but each day I find
These words running through my mind.

Chorus:

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