

Ivan Wassam

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from album “The Way I Feel Today”
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Intro: Em /// /// /// ///

Em/// ///
In the younger days of Ivan Wassam
D/// Em///
He left his home for brighter lands
Em/// ///
To test his luck at a school of thought
D/// Em///
Where his mind was stretched and turned in knots
Em/// ///
Oh he prayed, prayed, prayed that his choice was
correct
D/// Em///
How he missed his mother’s good night peck
Em/// ///
Oh, he lay, lay, lay up in bed awake
D/// Em ///
Crying send me home for goodness sake

Em/// /// D/// Em///

Well Ivan’s prayer must have reached the sky
As holidays came by and by
Back at home with the family he loved
And friends he placed no one above
Oh he drank, drank, drank as the nights wore on
Moving to the fiddler’s song
Oh he sank, sank, sank into drunken bliss
As he felt the whiskey’s toxic kiss

Em/// ///
Singing lie lie lie lie lie lie lie lie
D/// Em///
Lie lie lie lie lie lie lie
Em /// ///
Lie lie lie lie lie lie lie lie
D/// Em ///
Lie lie lie lie lie

On his farewell evening he went to the ball
And answered loud to Cupid’s call
With a maiden fair it was love at first sight
But Ivan only had one night
So they danced, danced, danced, clear across the floor
As Ivan’s heart was captured more
Oh she begged, begged, begged her to wear her ring
So he would not stop remembering

Em /// /// C/// D///
Oh, Ivan Wassam
Em /// /// C/// D///
Oh, Ivan Wassam

Singing lie lie lie...

On the final morning they said their farewells
And Ivan returned to his schoolboy hell
Got a D in dragons and a C in swords
This thinking man felt life a bore
Oh his mind, mind, mind was miles away
On the girl at home who had to stay
Oh he ran, ran, ran to the cliff by the cove
Where to his death poor Ivan dove

Singing lie, lie, lie...
Oh, Ivan Wassam
Oh Ivan Wassam

Em /// /// /// ///

So goes the legend of Ivan Wassam
Whose heart was stretched between two lands
Don’t let poor Ivan’s dive be in vain
Keep heart his troubles now and again
If you find true love far from where you stay
Keep heart of where importance lay
If you live your life right there where you stand
D// C// Em///
You’ll avoid the dive of Ivan Wassam

[The solo version on “The Way I Feel Today” ends
here. The live band version adds...]

Em/// ///
And you’ll sing lie lie lie lie lie lie lie lie
D/// Em///
Lie lie lie lie lie lie lie
Em /// ///
Lie lie lie lie lie lie lie lie
D// C// Em ///
Lie lie lie lie lie