

## **Belle And Sebastian "The State I Am In"**

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I was surprised  
I was happy for a day in 1975  
I was puzzled by a dream  
It stayed with me all day in 1995

My brother had confessed he was gay  
It took the heat off me for a while  
He stood up with a sailor friend  
Made it known upon my sister's wedding day

I got married in a rush  
To save a kid from being deported and now she's in  
love  
I was so touched  
I was moved to kick the crutches from my crippled  
friend

And she was not impressed  
'Cause I cured her on the Sabbath, so I went to confess  
When she saw the funny side  
We introduced my child bride to whiskey and gin, to  
whiskey and gin

The priest in the booth had a photographic memory  
For all he had heard  
And he took all of my sins and he wrote a pocket novel  
called  
"The State I Am In"

And so I gave myself to God  
There was a pregnant pause before he said okay  
Now I spend my days turning tables 'round in Marks &  
Spencer's  
They don't seem to mind

I gave myself to sin  
I gave myself to providence  
And I've been there and back again  
The state that I am in

I gave myself to sin  
I gave myself to Providence

And I've been there and back again  
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Oh love of mine, would you condescend to help me  
'Cause I'm stupid and blind  
And desperation is the devil's work  
It is the folly of a boy's empty mind

And now I'm feeling dangerous  
Riding on city buses for a hobby is sad  
Lead me to a living end  
I promised that I'd entertain my crippled friend, my  
crippled friend

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I gave myself to sin  
And I've been there and back again, oh yeah

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