

## **Belle And Sebastian**

### **"The State I'm In"**

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

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

I got married in a rush to save a kid from being  
deported  
Now she's in love  
I was so touched, I was moved to kick the crutches  
From my crippled friend  
She was not impressed that I cured her on the Sabbath  
So I went to confess  
When she saw the funny side, we introduced my child  
bride  
To whisky and gin

The priest in the booth had a photographic memory  
For all he had heard  
He took all of my sins and he wrote a pocket novel  
called  
"The State I Am In"  
So I gave myself to God  
There was a pregnant pause before he said ok  
Now I spend my day turning tables round In Marks &  
Spencer's  
They don't seem to mind

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

Oh love of mine, would you condescend to help me  
I am stupid and blind  
Desperation is the Devil's work, it is the folly of a boys  
empty mind  
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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