

## **Burton Cummings**

# **"Break It to Them Gently"**

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Break it to them gently when you tell my Mom and Dad  
When you see my baby sister be as kind as you can  
And break it to my Grandma, who said, "That boy's wild  
and bad"

Break it to them gently when you tell them  
That I won't be coming home again

'Cause I'm running with a gun and it isn't any fun as a  
fugitive  
Fightin' for my life and I don't know if I'll make it alone  
Running with a gun and it isn't any fun as a fugitive  
God I wanna go home, Lord I wish I was home

When you see my lady with the twinkle in her eyes  
Tell it to her softly and hold her if she cries  
Tell her that I love her and I will till the day I die  
Tell it to her gently when you tell her that I won't be  
coming home again

I got in too deep with strangers  
Thinking they could help me find my way  
Nobody warned me of the dangers  
And it's always the young and foolish that have to pay

So break it to them gently when you tell my Mom and  
Dad  
Thank them for the good years and all the lovin' that I  
had  
And break it to my Grandma, who said, "The boy is wild  
and bad"  
Break it to them gently when you tell them  
That I won't be comin' home again

I'm running with a gun and it isn't any fun as a fugitive  
Fightin' for my life and I don't know if I'll make it alone  
Running with a gun and it isn't any fun as a fugitive  
Lord I wanna go home, Lord I wanna go home

You gotta break it to them gently, break it to them  
gently  
Gotta break it to them gently, gotta really try to roll  
them

Gotta break it to them gently, gotta really try to soothe  
them  
Gotta really try to soothe them, gotta really try to roll  
them

Gotta roll it to my Mother, gotta roll it to my Grandma,  
gotta roll the old lady  
Roll it to my Mother, roll it to my Mother, roll the old  
lady  
Roll it to my Grandma, she's damn near eighty, roll the  
old lady  
Roll it to my Mother, roll it to my Mother, gotta roll the  
old lady  
Roll it to my Mother, sister and my Mother, roll the old  
lady  
Roll it to my Grandma, she's damn near eighty, roll the  
old lady

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