## Mark Knopfler "The Ragpicker's Dream"

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When Jack Frost came for Christmas With a brass monkey date The rail king and the scarecrow Hopped a Florida freight

And they blew on their paper cups And stared through the steam Then they drank half a bottle Of ragpicker's dream where

The Whiskey keeps following Cold pitchers of Beer Me and my associate Like the clientÃ"le here get

The onions and the 'taters Rib eyes on the grill Toothpicks and luckies And a coffee refill as

The rail king lay rocking He was leaving the ground Then he was flying like Santa Claus Over the town where

He came to the window
Of a house by a stream
It was a family Christmas
In the ragpicker's dream there

Were kids at the table
All aglow in the light
Music in the wintertime
Sure carries at night there

Was turkey and gravy Pie and ice cream And gifts for each and everyone In the ragpicker's dream where

The red eye keeps tumbling In our glasses of Beer

Me and my associate
Like the service in here there's

A ten for your trouble You have beautiful hair Make the last one two doubles It's a cold one out there where

The scarecrow and the rail king Have started to dance But a nightstick and a billy club Won't give peace a chance here

I think they went that aways Your song and dance team Heading home for the holidays With the ragpicker's dream on

His knees like a fighter
The rail riding king
Like a sack of potatoes
Like a bull in the ring where

The scarecrow falls over With a tear in the seam Home for the rover In the ragpicker's dream where

The red eye keeps tumbling Like tears in our beer Me and my associate Like the ambiance here where

They cornered two castaways In a white flashlight beam Merry Christmas and happy days In the ragpicker's dream

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