

Paul Kelly

"How To Make Gravy"

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Hello Dan, it's Joe here, I hope you're keeping well
It's the 21st of December, and now they're ringing the
last bells
If I get good behaviour, I'll be out of here by July

Won't you kiss my kids on Christmas Day, please don't
let 'em cry for me
I guess the brothers are driving down from Queensland
and Stella's flying in from the coast
They say it's gonna be a hundred degrees, even more
maybe, but that won't stop the roast
Who's gonna make the gravy now? I bet it won't taste
the same
Just add flour, salt, a little red wine and don't forget a
dollop of tomato sauce for sweetness and that extra
tang
And give my love to Angus and to Frank and Dolly,
Tell 'em all I'm sorry I screwed up this time
And look after Rita, I'll be thinking of her early
Christmas morning
When I'm standing in line

I hear Mary's got a new boyfriend, I hope he can hold
his own
Do you remember the last one? What was his name
again?
(Just a little too much cologne)
And Roger, you know I'm even gonna miss Roger
'Cause there's sure as hell no one in here I want to fight
Oh praise the Baby Jesus, have a Merry Christmas,
I'm really gonna miss it, all the treasure and the trash
And later in the evening, I can just imagine,
You'll put on Junior Murvin and push the tables back
And you'll dance with Rita, I know you really like her,
Just don't hold her too close, oh brother please don't
stab me in the back
I didn't mean to say that, it's just my mind it plays up,
Multiplies each matter, turns imagination into fact
You know I love her badly, she's the one to save me,
I'm gonna make some gravy, I'm gonna taste the fat
Tell her that I'm sorry, yeah I love her badly, tell 'em all

I'm sorry,
and kiss the sleepy children for me
You know one of these days, I'll be making gravy,
I'll be making plenty, I'm gonna pay 'em all back.

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