

## Ray Wylie Hubbard

# "New Year s Eve at the Gates of Hell"

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It's New Year's Eve at the gates of hell  
Give the antichrist a cigarette and tell him  
The boy's here all the way from Oklahoma  
Oh Lord, what the hell is that aroma?  
It's Jimmy Perkins and all the sonsabitches  
Who ripped off musicians and stole their riches

They're burning over yonder with the Fox News whores  
Oh, look is that the singer for The Doors  
Nope, my mistake 'cause no matter what they did  
Poets deserve to be in heaven and by the way, kid  
Why am I here when I wasn't that bad?  
I just didn't like churches but I never wore plaid

Now I know I'm funky and strip bar dirty  
And I like a Les Paul through a Vox AC30  
There's something about a lipstick pickup  
Plugged right into a Blond Tremolux  
But I guess I deserve to be burned alive  
Since I pawned by '59 ES 335

And sure I drank a lot of gin and tonic  
But I never threw away my Panasonic  
I kept that turntable through my divorce  
Playing Neil Young and Crazy Horse  
Drunk out of my mind singing "Tonight's The Night"  
It was as lethal on vinyl as China White

Now maybe one time I used an Ouija board  
And I never learned to make a B flat chord  
So I got a double headed snake tattoo  
I love Tao Te Ching by Lao Tsu  
And the action and the motion of a roulette wheel  
And a woman walking away in a pair of high heels

Now once I drew an inside straight flush  
And I wished I could sing like Otis Rush  
The truth of the matter is I really can't sing  
But I can quote Martin Luther King  
His words are stronger than angel dust is  
"The arc of the moral universe is long  
But it bends toward justice"

Now back to New Year's Eve at the gates of hell  
It's kind of like the Beverly Hills Hotel  
Before you can get a table next to the fire  
A sign says jacket and tie required  
The devil is bad and God of course is good  
But there's one thing I never understood

God throws us down in hell for all our sins  
Burning in a fire and it never ends  
The decision is made at the highest level  
Seems Got out sources his work to the devil  
Like he's an employee on the vice squad  
Appears like the devil is working for God

I can't believe I said that I'm losing it  
It's New Year's Eve at the gates of hell  
Let's party, did I mention Jimmy Perkins  
Was a lying son of a bitch?

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