

## **The Waifs**

### **"Brief History..."**

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We were both 18 the year that we met  
I was slighty older but not by much  
One look at you and I knew that was it  
And your voice sounded like an angel above

One look at me you thought I was odd  
Wearing those clothes in the Kimberley heat  
Blundstone boots, cowboy hat, flannelette  
And denim overcoat all the way down to my feet

When your sister asked me to join up with you  
You nearly fainted with shock but you hid it well  
"what the hell are you doing?"  
you shouted when I left  
I was singing all the way back to my hotel

Headed off from Broom  
Travelled through the Kimberley  
Derby, Fitzroy, a night in Halls Creek  
Wyndham, Kunnunrra, Darwin we stayed for a while  
Then we hit the coast near Townsville on the other side  
Christmas in Cairns didn't have nowhere to go  
Busking on the streets just to get a feed  
Being kept up all night by the lovers on the top bunk  
At a seedy backpackers called "Rapture of the Deep"

Now plenty has happened since those early days  
Met a lot of people, been a lot of places  
Many a night in friends and relatives beds  
And God bless the lot of you that put us up and fed us  
Played to crowds of thousands, played to one or two  
Played in festivals and pubs, loved and hated what we  
do  
but looking back now I wouldn't trade but  
one of the memories we've made in the last eight years  
and though there were times we didn't get along  
I can honesty say I love the both of you

Now you're living in Sydney in some dingy room  
In a house full of strangers on Ramsgate avenue  
Paying twice as much as what the damn things worth  
Working in the daytime just to make it though

You got your arms to your elbows in the sink at some  
Place cleaning pots and pans, cups and saucers,  
Knives and forks and plates  
It's a far cry, from the life that we knew  
Travelling around the country in a campervan  
Playing songs, singing with your sister and you  
It's too late to go back there again

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