Getting Ready For Christmas Day

Paul Simon

From early in November to the last week of December

I got money matters weighing me down

Oh the music may be merry, but it's only temporary

I know Santa Claus is coming to townIn the days I work my day job, in the nights I work my night

But it all comes down to working man's pay

Getting ready, I'm getting ready, ready for Christmas Day(Getting ready for Christmas Day

And let me tell you, namely, the undertaker, he's getting ready for your body

Not only that, the jailer he's getting ready for you

Christmas Day. Hmm? And not only the jailer, but the lawyer, the police force

Now getting ready for Christmas Day, and I want you to bear it in mind)I got a nephew in Iraq it's his third time

back

But it's ending up the way it began

With the luck of a beginner he'll be eating turkey dinner

On some mountain top in PakistanGetting ready, oh we're getting ready

For the power and the glory

And the story of

Christmas Day(Getting ready, for Christmas Day

Done made it up in your mind that I'm going, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago

I'm going, on a trip, getting ready, for Christmas Day

But when Christmas come, nobody knows where you'll be

You might ask me. I may be layin' in some lonesome grave

Getting ready, for Christmas Day)Getting ready, oh we're getting ready

For the power and the glory and the story of the

Christmas Day

Yes, we're getting ready(Getting ready, ready for your prayers,

"I'm going and see my relatives in a distant land"

Getting ready, getting ready for Christmas Day)If I could tell my Mom and Dad that the things we never had

Never mattered we were always okay

Getting ready, oh ready, ready for Christmas Day

Ready, getting ready

For the power and the glory and the story of the

Christmas Day

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