

# The State I Am In

Belle and Sebastian

I was surprised  
I was happy for a day in 1975  
I was puzzled by a dream  
It stayed with me all day in 1995  
My brother had confessed he was gay  
It took the heat off me for a while  
He stood up with a sailor friend  
Made it known upon my sister's wedding day.

Got married in a rush to save a kid from being deported  
Now she's in love  
I was so touched, I was moved to kick the crutches  
From my crippled friend  
She was not impressed  
Cause I cured her on the Sabbath  
I went to confess  
When she saw the funny side, we introduced my child bride  
To whiskey and gin  
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The priest in the booth had a photographic memory  
For all he had heard  
He took all of my sins and he wrote a pocket novel  
Called The State That I'm In  
So I gave myself to God  
There was a pregnant pause before he said okay  
Now I spend my days turning tables round in Marks & Spencer  
They don't seem to mind.

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Myself to providence and I've  
Been there and back again  
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Oh love of mine, would you condescend to help me?  
Cause I am stupid and blind  
Desperation is the Devil's work, it is the folly Of a boy's empty mind  
Oh and now I'm feeling dangerous  
Riding on city buses for a hobby is sad  
Why don't you lead me to a living end  
I promised that I'd entertain my crippled friend,  
My crippled friend.

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And I've been there and back again  
Oh yeah