

DELUSIONS OF GRANDPA – WORDS AND MUSIC BY JOHN ELLIOTT

1-ONLY JOKING

Sometimes the circles entwine with themselves
Then, on turning, result in no movement.

And my life is like a circle
And I get tied up in circles of friends
Though I know it must be going somewhere
I just hope that it will end somehow

But I am only joking, It's the way
I get by, pretending that I
I do not worry - This is
The reason why – You, You, You

Oh the telephone
Is still ringing
Which reminds me of the note in my head that is singing
Of the love that I had when I was thinking of you
Imagining my every dream would come true, somehow,

But I...

Nobody can replace the space you left beside me
And all I can say is
Where were you yesterday.
I have looked in the drawer that was empty for years and I'm puzzled
Can you remember where I left my toupee?

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2-YOU KNOW MY NAME

You say there's a curious dynamic
And that it's tearing us apart
I see no reason to panic
And though it's breaking my heart

You know my name
It's still the same
Any time of day
Or in the dead of night

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You say you just don't understand
Most of the crazy things I say
And when I wanna hold your hand
You go and pull it right away

You know my name...

You say you find me a little odd
With all the strange things that I do
But I reckon I'm the same as you
And we're like peas in a pod

You know my name - Look up my number
It's still the same - You know what it's under
Any time of day - I'm still alone
Or in the dead of night - I'm always at home

3-BIRMINGHAM 6 – GUILDFORD 4

It took me so long to get here.
How long now till I fall foul?
I've drunken too much of old beer.
How will I reach the towel?

It's the choice I took
Straight out of the book
I leapt before I looked
A case of too many cooks

You've got me down on my knees now.
At least that's what it seems.
No way that I can please yeow.
I'm having the strangest of dreams.

It's the choice...

You led me up the garden path
And now it's down with Lord Lane
When I remember the bloodbath
Someone had to take the blame.

It's the choice...

That's the way it seems to happen.
Well what of it? The goose will fatten.

I'm up before the beak
I want to speak my mind
A case of finders keep
You said the words and I signed.

That's the choice...

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I'm getting to the end of my sentence.
I can't wait for the full stop.
You're putting on this great pretence
That it was a fair cop.

It's the choice...

That's the way it seems to happen.
Well what of it? The goose will fatten.

4-BRAND NEW CAR

Out buying some strings for my old guitar
You swung round the corner in your brand new car
Fate should have told me I would meet you there
But all I could do was stop still and stare

There was you. Where was I?
I was on my own. I couldn't even cry.

Back then it seemed as though we had it made
You booked us in the best plans were laid
Agreed we'd share all our material
Even though your songs didn't go down that well

There was you...

I should have guessed things were going wrong
We toured the States for far too long
And then you ran off with the demo tapes
And disappeared with my best mates

There was you...

So now I hear you've found fortune and fame
And that you're leaving on the morning plane
But I don't think that you'll get that far
I let down the tyres on your Brand New Car

There was you. Where was I?
I was on my own. I couldn't even cry.

5-HOW LONG?

How long can I carry on
Singing this same song?

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6-JACOB

There it goes again repeating all my words
Wish I could undo the lock and fall to the floor
The pulley nearly saves me one busted head
The other one's okay and I'm in bed

Still singing out of tune I rattle the cage
Sunflower is scattered and I'm blinded with rage
Bite on my finger and deafened indeed
No sense in talking now I'm starting to bleed.

Jacob, pooky little bird.

Ev'ry time I ope' the door the bird greets my ears
I've lost the hammer and the garden shears
Shall I give in and give him away?
But the aunt who gave him to me is coming to stay.

Jacob, pooky little bird.

7-YOUNG NEIL

I knew Neil, when he was a young man
I saw him fall to his knees, when he was lost for words
He'd lost his girl and now, she'd flown with the other birds

Bringing the harvest home, taking the harvest home

I knew how he felt, I'd travelled that road before
Like when the dog loses his bone, his tail between his legs
He knows he'd rather die, than break right down and beg

Bringing the harvest home, taking the harvest home

He'd found religion then, down on the farm
Became mighty famous, but never struck it rich
He'd preach the same old words, that life's just a bitch
But if you do as he did, you won't come to no harm

Bringing the harvest home, taking the harvest home

He'd say young man take a look at your life
And get ready for the judgement day
Make sure you ask for mercy, when you kneel to pray
And maybe the good lord he'll help you, to find a wife

Bringing the harvest home, taking the harvest home

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The last time I saw Neil, he'd taken his own advice
He'd lived each day as it came, he found it became real
Now he's found someone, who cooks him beans and rice
I told him I knew how he felt, I'd seen him when he knelt

Bringing the harvest, taking the harvest home
Never to be alone, making his house his home

8-ABOUT A SOUFFLÉ (Instrumental)

9-MY MELODY

You are beautiful to me
Oh my darling can't you see
I hear music when I call your name
Sing me your life and I'll do the same

The Melody that you can't see
She's the one I want to be with
I feel secure when she's near
That's the effect she has on me

Melody can't you see
What you're doing to me
With eyes of blue as I look at you
What's a guy supposed to do?

Playing games, having fun,
Dressing up with all your friends
That's the way it's supposed to be.
But will our love ever end?
I just want you to know
Throughout my life you're the one.

And when I talk to you, you keep answering back.
And when I call to you, you keep running away.
What can I ever do, to persuade you to stay?

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10-LET'S GO TO CANADA

Let's go to Canada X3
I really wanna be there
Let's go to Canada
I wanna be there
I wanna see there
That's the kind of man I am

And only more time will tell if the people did well
We could all go to hell in a handcart and sell
And we'll all ring the bell, but we might just as well
Change our minds and (instead [last verse]) let's

Let's go to Hollywood X3
...I wanna say that's where I stood

Chorus

Let's go to Liverpool X3
...I wanna feel kinda cool

Chorus
...instead – Let's go to bed.

11-SHE THINKS SHE OWNS THE UNIVERSE

Riding by her nose in the air
The Moon and the stars fall from her hair
Horses neigh windows shut
She wants to take you with her but...

She thinks she owns the universe
She thinks she owns the sky
She thinks she owns the universe
But then so do you and I

Granite fortress on a hill
Letters on the window sill
Walls of ivy ruined city
Are there none who she can pity?

She thinks she owns the universe
She thinks she owns the sky
She thinks she owns the universe
But then so do you and I

Climbing up the winding stairs
Others follow, no one cares.
Casting spells across the land
The fate of nations in her hands

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12-PHIL THE BATH

(Instrumental)