

# Ruler Of The Land

Company B

Paul Keating:

I thought this moment would be nervous  
But tonight I'm full of joy  
I bless my twenty years of service  
As a Blaxland Bankstown boy  
A chance to make the nation richer  
An opportunity to see  
Well, well, to see  
A wider screen, a bigger picture  
And you gave that chance to me -  
I take it with glee!

'Cos I am the ruler of the land  
They tell me I'm the man

Band:

Who da man?

Keating:

Who da man?

Band:

You da man!

Keating:

Yes I am.

But, but, but...

I am the ruler of a nation torn  
By redneck scorn of the native born  
Can we finally have a treaty please?  
Apologies to Aborigines?

Nowadays I'm quite persuaded  
A nation takes it's share of blame  
The white man certainly invaded  
The past will always stay the same  
Show me something of our future  
Smarter, wise, less afraid  
Put the mozz on every moocher  
Let the nation be remade - I must be obeyed!

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But, but, but...

I am the servant of a distant queen  
Who can overween and intervene  
Can we finally make her obsolete?  
Stand complete on our own two feet?

And wouldn't it be nice to get on with your neighbour?  
And make it very clear, Australia part of Asia?  
And wouldn't it be good just hangin' in the hood,  
To lend a cup of sugar like a neighbour should?  
And wouldn't it be sweet talking over the fence,  
Recalcitrance becoming common sense?

Let me now address the chamber  
Everyone from red to blue  
(I'm talkin' to you! )  
Yes, I'm at the end of the rainbow  
And now I hold a pot of gold for you  
Here's the gist of my agenda:  
Let's advance Australia fair

Band:  
Advance Australia fair!

Keating:  
Oh yeah!  
No retreat and no surrender  
'Til we get our nation there - I solemnly swear!

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Keating:  
Yes I am.

Band:  
Top banana republic man!  
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Keating:  
Yes, I am.

Band:  
Top banana republic man!

Keating:  
I am the ruler of the land

Band:  
Top banana republic man!

Keating:  
Yes! Yes I am!

Band:  
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Keating:  
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