

OLD JIM'S CHRISTMAS

Authorised by Philip Rush

Last months article served a little taste of **A CUP OF COFFEE** by poet **Philip Rush**.



Here is an extract from his poem **OLD JIM'S CHRISTMAS**

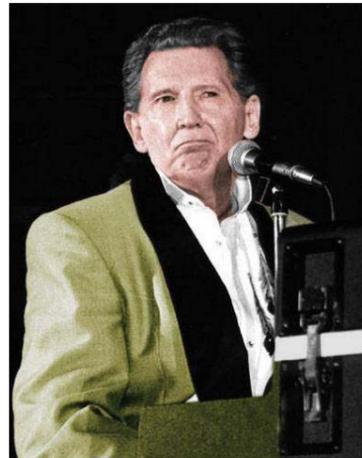
The year had been long, and the year had been dry,
With no decent rain since late in July.
And now, close to Christmas, the harvest was down,
And the grass in the paddocks was withered and brown.
Jim looked at his stock, they weren't sleek any more,
The condition of most a bit forward of store.
Old Jim wiped his brow with the back of his hand,
Then, adjusting his hat, the horizon he scanned.
On the distant blue hills, through the shimmering haze,
Was a large plume of smoke where the bush was ablaze.
"No threat to us here," he muttered aloud,
As he gazed at the faraway, billowing cloud.
"Unless a strong northerly blows up, of course,"
He said as he patted his faithful old horse.

*** Section omitted... can you guess what happened?**

The northerly died, and an eerie calm
Proclaimed the arrival of a smoke-filled day:
And, to everyone's amazement, the skies were grey!
As the south wind blew, and the raindrops fell,
The exhausted men gave a thankful yell,
And a soot-stained Jim, with his reddened eyes,
Was greeted by the noise of his grandson's cries.
"I prayed for rain, and the south wind, too,
And Santa Claus came, and so did you!"
He leapt in the arms of his Grandpa Jim,
And his Pa shed a tear as he cuddled him.
He turned to the men and his family there,
This weather-beaten bloke with the snowy hair;
"Strange things have happened in my life before,
But nothing like this has surprised me more.
I'm all overcome, don't know what to say,
'Bout the miracle that's happened this Christmas Day.
But I thank you all, and the captain, too,
And the very best of Christmases to each of you!

Phil's swag o' excellent Australian poems are on his website. Place an Order now.
<http://www.philiprush.com.au/books/highcountry.htm>

Goodness Gracious!



Faith Hill and Keith Urban could all learn a lot by going back to their roots.

With a true sense of sincerity Jerry says... "It's crap... It all sounds alike to me. They're not doing any **down the-road** country music. I don't know what they're doing - I don't think they know what they're doin', either.

I think it stopped being good when I left there....'

Modest long term entertainer **JERRY LEE LEWIS** has blasted **Country Music's** current stars, insisting the modern **Nashville, Tennessee scene** all sound the same to him.

The **GREAT BALLS OF FIRE** hit maker turned his **back on rock 'n' roll** to become a **country maverick** in the **1960s** and believes the likes of **Kenny Chesney**,

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Gleny Rae Virus
and her **Tamworth Playboys**



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Gleny Rae will arrive armed with her new album 'Highrollin'.

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Just a Thought From Bill Northcott!

Politicians and nappies have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly and for the same reason.

Dolly Parton Honoured

Recipients honoured at the 29th annual **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** were: country singer and songwriter **Dolly Parton**; musical theatre composer and producer **Andrew Lloyd Webber**; conductor **Zubin Mehta**; singer, songwriter and producer **Smokey Robinson**; and film director and producer **Steven Spielberg**.

Dolly's creativity and spirit make her country music's outstanding international ambassador for Country Music.



As a performer she is magnetic and effervescent.

Her voice is an instrument of hope and joy when it isn't breaking your heart.

Some of the best singers today, including **Melissa Etheridge**, **Shania Twain** and **Norah Jones**, have paid tribute to her through their own music.

She is adorable in a literal sense and perhaps that is her greatest gift. It's easy for people around the world—no matter what language they speak or what land they call home—to love this American artist.

Dolly Parton has spread the essence of true Country Music internationally for more than 50 years.



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