

# Getting Ready For Christmas Day chords by Paul Simon

## [Intro]

A Bm A D C#m Bm A  
A Bm A D

## [Verse 1]

A A  
From early in November to the last week of  
December

A D A  
I got money matters weighing me down

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

A D A  
I know Santa Claus is coming to town

## [Verse 2]

A A  
In the days I work my day job, in the  
nights I work my night

A D A  
But it all comes down to working man's pay

A A  
Getting ready, I'm getting ready

A D A  
Ready for - Christmas Day

## [Bridge]

(spoken, while intro riff continues)

N.C.

Getting ready for Christmas Day

N.C.

And let me tell you, namely, the  
undertaker

N.C.

He's getting ready for your body

N.C.

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

N.C.

Christmas Day, hmm?

N.C.

And not only the jailer, but the lawyer,  
the police force

N.C.

Now getting ready for Christmas Day

N.C.

And I want you to bear it in mind

## [Verse 3]

A A  
I got a nephew in Iraq it's his third time  
back

A D A  
But it's ending up the way it began

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

A D A  
On some mountain top in Pakistan

## [Verse 4]

A A A D  
Getting rea-dy, oh we're getting rea-dy

A A  
For the power and the glory and the story

A D A  
Of the Christmas Day

## [Bridge]

(spoken, while intro riff continues)

N.C.

Getting ready, for Christmas Day

N.C.

Done made it up in your mind that I'm  
going

N.C.

New York, Philadelphia, Chicago

N.C.

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

N.C.

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

N.C.

You might ask me

N.C.

I may be layin' in some lonesome grave

N.C.

Getting ready, for Christmas Day

## [Interlude]

| A | A | A | D |  
| A | A | A D | A |

## [Verse 5]

A A A D  
Getting rea-dy, oh we're getting rea-dy

A A  
For the power and the glory and the story

A D A  
Of the Christmas Day

A A  
Yes, we're getting rea-dy



[Bridge]  
(spoken, while intro riff continues)  
N.C.  
Getting ready, ready for your prayers  
N.C.  
"I'm going and see my relatives in a  
distant land"  
N.C.  
Getting ready, getting ready for Christmas  
Day

[Verse 6]

A  
A  
If I could tell my Mom and Dad that the  
things we never had  
A D A  
Never mattered we were always okay  
A A  
Getting ready, oh ready  
A D A  
Ready for - Christmas Day

[Verse 7]

A A  
Ready, getting ready  
A A  
For the power and the glory and the story  
of  
A D A  
Christmas Day

[Outro]

A D A  
A D A