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# Good news for pan calypso 2002

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Not only is Pelham Goddard's "Good News" one of the finest works he has penned, but Alvin Daniell's lyrics and the superior vocal talent of Roger George will push the song even further up the pan-kaiso charts.

Commissioned by reigning National and Caribbean Panorama champions, the Exodus Steel Orchestra, "Good News", is one of 12 tracks on a compilation release from Daniell's Major and Minor Productions.

The song spins from the widely-held concern about disturbing social trends and consequent reportage, saying pan-nists will enjoy some measure

of relief through the work of musical arrangers, players, tuners and eventually the judges too will have good news for the band.

Just take the first verse and chorus:

**INTRO:**  
"Extra, extra read all about it!

Good news! Good news!  
**VERSE:** January / Just a few weeks before Carnival / There comes a time / In which my involvement comes natural / Talking about Panorama / And the pleasure that it gives / An escape from the tan-ta-na / And all the negatives / All the murders, robberies and licks / And

the lies and the politricks / From the blues / I forward to the panyard / To get some good news

**CHORUS:**  
I sure that the arranger / Will give me good news / The players, the pan tuners / Will give me good news / I just want to hear / Loud and clear / Pan music in the atmosphere / With variation / Special interpretation / And real harmonisation / Dynamic action / So when the judges have to tally / And then to choose / I know they will give me good news."

Indeed, the 2002 compilation has even more good news. Also on the CD is reigning national calypso moanrch

Denyse Plummer, doing Mark Loquan's "For the Love". Loquan, now resident in Oslo, Sweden, last year single-handedly produced a CD of 21 pan compositions.

While 11 different composers supply music, in eight of the 12 songs, lyrics were written by Daniell. Outside of that loop are Brian "Bean" Griffith, who did "Play Anything" (sung by Tunapuna Scanty) and "The Plan" for Shanaqua, Hollis Wright's "Music for the Soul", GS Soldier's "Mad Man Symphony", Samuel Thomas' "Is Woman" and David "Happy" Williams offering of "The Prize".



PELHAM GODDARD

## GOOD NEWS

### Verse 1

January, just a few weeks before Carnival  
There comes a time, in which my involvement comes natural  
Talking about Panorama, and the pleasure that it gives  
An escape from the tantana, and the daily negatives  
All the murders, robberies and licks  
All the lies and de politicks  
From de blues  
I forward to de pan yard, to get some good news.

### Chorus

I sure that the arranger go gie meh good news  
The players, the pan tuner go gie meh good news  
I just want to hear, loud and clear  
Pan music in the atmosphere  
With variation, special interpretation  
And reharmonisation, dynamic action  
So, when the judges have to tally and then to choose  
I know they go gie me good news

### Verse Two

Don't want to hear, who run off the road to Maracas  
Don't want to hear, who drift down to Caracas  
When I read daily paper, only crime and disaster

Our radio airplay so poor, foreign music evermore  
On the TV, pornography  
Or a scary horror movie  
Win or lose  
I bet in de pan yard, I'll get some good news

### Chorus

### Bridge

Extra, extra, read all about it, Extra, extra, come and get it (repeat twice more)

### Verse Three

When you feel down, music could prove to be therapy  
When all seems lost, music could soothe and make you happy  
When yuh pack up with bills fuh so  
And yuh bank account real low  
There's no sign of hope up ahead  
And you wish that you were dead  
Behind every cloud that is hiding, there is a silver lining  
Change your views  
Look instead to the pan yard, to get some good news

### Chorus

Music by Pelham Goddard  
Lyrics by Alvin Daniell  
Performed by Roger George

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