

Gillard Versus Rudd

*Yesterday,
it seems so far away...*

*Yesterday
Kevin Rudd,
was Prime Minister,
but that was
yesterday.*

*Today,
he is not.*

*Today
Julia Gillard
has the top job!*

*Yesterday,
dissension
in Labor's ranks
was hot, hot news
as Rudd's grip
on the top job
suddenly slipped
a whole lot.*

So hot

*was the news
of Gillard and Labor's
treachery,
that all shows
on the glass eyed box
were tuned into
shocked and excited
news reporters
and political commentators
bringing us up-to-date news
minute by excruciating minute
commenting on
and theorizing on
the Gillard challenge
for Labor leadership
and whether or not
Prime Minister Rudd
would be able to
hold on to his job.*

*Again
and again
we were told
by Laurie Oakes
with Sandra Sulley
asking the questions,
just how loyal
Julia had been
as Assistant Deputy;
that was of course,
'til that fateful day,
when Julia had heard
that Kevin Rudd
no longer trusted her,
he'd been checking to see
if she was as loyal as she said she was
and if she wasn't
would she have the numbers
to challenge him and win?*

*Julia was angry,
no, angry is too soft a word;
Julia was furious,
justifiably so -
how could
Prime Minister Rudd,
stoop so low?
How could he question
her loyalty,
her integrity?
How could he think
such a thing of her?
She had said she was loyal,
and she would be loyal
until the end -
wasn't that enough?
How dare he question her loyalty?!
And then Julia went
and showed us all
just how loyal she was!
It begs the question,
just who
was she loyal too?*

*And did the end come a little too soon?
For in the end,
she was not loyal to Kevin,
not loyal to Kevin at all;
in the end
she proved to Kevin
that all his fears were true!*

*We saw Prime Minister Rudd
on television, his round
school boy face
no longer smiling,
no longer cracking jokes.
Instead he spoke passionately
(first time in a while)
about his role as P.M.,
what he'd done in that time
and how he had a mandate
from the Australian people
who'd elected him P.M.
And tomorrow,
tomorrow we'd know,
tomorrow we'd know who'd won -*

*who'd lead the country
onward and forward.
Who would it be -
Gillard or Rudd?*

*Now this is just a quick aside,
but Australians don't elect
a Prime Minister
the way the Americans
elect their President.
We elect a political party,
and it is they who decide
who is at their head.
And I know
I didn't vote for Kevin,
even with all the hype,
and to be honest
I don't know
if I voted for Labor at all!

Well anyway,
tomorrow's today,
and today,
well today*

*is such a different day.
I've read the papers
and I've heard the news,
and am surprised
by so many people
being surprised
that Rudd
fell to Gillard
and lost his job
of Prime Minister of Australia!
Three years ago
we had Kevin '07
but
he just didn't have it in him
to make it to Kevin '11.
Oh well.*

*Will it pay off,
will Gillard
be able to lead Labor
to win the next election?
I've not been happy
with Kevin and Labor for a while,*

*for it seemed to me
that they had lost the plot,
or as Gillard said,
"Lost their way."
To me it seemed
that Labor was becoming
more and more
like Liberal -
more conservative,
and more dictatorial,
with a, "We know just
what's good and right for you,"
leadership style.
Liberal and Labor
are so close in style,
so close in content
I'm not sure
I can tell them apart any more!
But when it comes to
moral issues
and the principles
I hold close to my heart
Labor's gone the other way*

*- too far left
or is it too far right?*

*So even before
Prime Minister Rudd
was conveniently
politically
assassinated,
I'd decided
if Rudd remained
and the Labor Party
did not change,
then I would
most definitely not
be casting my vote
for Labor again!*

*So,
although it was sudden
and came as a shock,
I am not saddened
not one little jot,
by the loss
of former Prime Minister Rudd.*

*His time had come,
his race was run,
and in this particular case,
not won.*

*And now,
now I watch Labor,
avidly,
voraciously;
and wonder,*

*wonder if Gillard
will do any better as leader,
or has Labor
truly lost its way
and completely lost the plot?*

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