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THE Australian director Ray Lawrence is planning to turn an iconic Paul Kelly song into a film.

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The director of Lantana and Jindabyne is working with the Aboriginal writer **Bruce Pascoe** to adapt How To Make Gravy, which the singer has described as his version of a Christmas song. It tells a touching story about a prisoner writing to his family and wondering who will make the gravy in his absence.

Lawrence said he was inspired by how much feeling there was in the song. "There's no chorus. It's just a straight narrative," he said. "I wanted to capture that and make a story that makes you feel like that."

While most people think of it as a melancholy song, Lawrence said Kelly wrote it as a comedy.

He worked with the singer-songwriter on the soundtracks of Lantana and Jindabyne. They have also produced work based on the same Raymond Carver short story Lawrence's Jindabyne and Kelly's song Everything's Turning To White.

Lawrence's next film is the thriller Being Dead, based on a novel by Jim Crace.

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