

# Beyond Belief

Words & Music:  
Elvis Costello

D  
History repeats the old conceits  
G  
The glib replies the same defeats  
D  
Keep your finger on important issues  
F  
With crocodile tears and a pocketful of tissues  
D  
I'm just the oily slick  
G  
On the windup world of the nervous tick  
D F  
In a very fashionable hovel  
D  
I hang around dying to be tortured  
G  
You'll never be alone in the bone orchard  
D/F# F  
This battle with the bottle is nothing so novel  
D G  
So in this almost empty gin palace  
D/F#  
Through a two-way looking glass  
F  
You see your alice  
D  
You know she has no sense  
G  
For all your jealousy  
D F  
In a sense she still smiles very sweetly

D  
Charged with insults and flattery  
G  
Her body moves with malice  
D F  
Do you have to be so cruel to be callous  
D G  
And now you find you fit this identikit completely  
D/F# F  
You say you have no secrets  
And then leave discreetly  
G  
I might make it California's fault  
Be locked in Geneva's deepest vault  
Bm G  
Just like the canals of Mars and the Great Barrier Reef  
Dm  
I come to you beyond belief  
D  
My hands were clammy and cunning  
G  
She's been suitably stunning  
D F  
But I know there's not a hope in Hades  
D G  
All the laddies cat call and wolf whistle  
D  
So called gentlemen and ladies  
F  
Dog fight like rose and thistle  
D  
I've got a feeling  
G  
I'm going to get a lot of grief  
D/F#  
Once this seemed so appealing  
F  
Now I am beyond belief