15 Petals

Elvis Costello

Fifteen petals
One for every year I spent with you
Jewels and precious metals will never doI love you twisted
And I love you straight
I'd write it down but I can't concentrate
Words don't me obey they do as they please
And all I am left with is theseFifteen petals
One for every year I spent with you
Jewels and precious metals will never doThe thorn is blunted
And the perfume will fade
I stand where sun is set
I crave the shade
Down in the tavern with Mary and Joe
Palms reached for alms as they throwFifteen petals
One for every hour that we're apart
Tears and useless battles
I'll never startMussolini highway
There's a frankincense tree
I picked some up there to carry with me
You take me to places where I never go
I love you more than you knowFifteen petals
Scattered in the path where you will tread
Fifteen petals
Of vivid redOne wine bar vamp with the polythene face
Ein Panzer Kommander with no hair in place
The crooked battalions drilled holes in the square

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