Charm School

Elvis Costello

Men made out of monkeys, men made into mice
Happy days are here again
And all the drinks half price
A girl with a trick and a man with a callingTrying to make a living out of your down falling
Trying to make a living out of anything at all
Didn't they teach you anything, except how to be cruel
In that charm school?You and I as lovers were nothing but a farce
Trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's arse
Saying, Why don't you watch me
Hardly speaking sotto voceTrying to make a living out of your down falling
Trying to make a living out of anything at all
Didn't they teach you anything, except how to be cruel
In that charm school?I've got a notion, I've got an angle
Take your dreams and promises
And put them through the mangle
They say it's hell to finance too
And I just want to romance youIn this perpetual nightclub I'll be yours eternal
Though the hours are long and the noise infernal
Just one shameful act or sometimes two
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