The Loved Ones

Elvis Costello

Don't get smart or sarcastic

He snaps back just like elastic

Spare us the theatrics and the verbal gymnastics

We break wise guys just like matchsticksWhat would the loved ones say

Your pride and joy is all blown up

What would the loved ones say

The bride and boy are barely grown up

You're not my particular poison

I've got nothing against you myself

You could have been a danger to the boys and girls

Now you're a danger to yourselfOh what would the loved ones say

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Oh what would the loved ones say

What would the loved ones say The ugly little dreams run round your bed

The ugly little scenes you get the needle and no thread

They stitched you up this time

They say you'll do

They bitch about your pretty face, turning ugly on youThe butcher the baker and the bassline maker

Sayin' you can leave her, I can take her

You spend your whole life like a minute or two later

One day its going to end sooner than greaterWhat would the loved ones say

He'll be remembered young and pretty

What would the loved ones say

Now he's a hit in every city

Now there's a name we'll never forget

There's one born every minute or two

Don't pin a medal on me yet

They might be waiting for youOh what would the loved ones say

What would the loved ones say

Oh what would the loved ones say

What would the loved ones sayPPS I l-o-v-e y-o-u

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