

# Suit Of Lights

Elvis Costello

While Nat King Cole sings, 'Welcome To My World'  
You request some song you hate, you sentimental fool  
And it's the force of habit, if it moves, then you fuck it  
    If it doesn't move, you stab it  
And I thought I heard 'The Working Man's Blues'  
He went out to work that night and wasted his breath  
    Outside there was a public execution  
    Inside he died a thousand deaths  
And they pulled him out of the cold, cold ground  
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    And they put him in a suit of lights  
    In the perforated first editions  
    Where they advocate the hangman's noose  
    Then tell the sorry tale of the spent Princess  
    Her uncouth escort looking down her dress  
    Anyway, they say that she wears the trousers  
    And learnt everything that she does  
    And doesn't know if she should tell him yes  
        Or let him go  
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Well, it's a dog's life in a rope leash or a diamond collar  
It's enough to make you think right now, but you don't bother  
    For goodness sake as you cry and shake  
Let's keep you face down in the dirt where you belong  
    And think of all the pleasure that it brings  
    Though you know that it's wrong  
    And there's still life in your body  
        But most of it's leaving  
        Can't you give us all a break  
        Can't you stop breathing  
And I thought I heard 'The Working Man's Blues'  
    I went to work that night and wasted my breath  
    Outside they're painting tar on somebody  
It's the closest to a work of art that they will ever be

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