Turpentine

Elvis Costello

I can't tell if this is real or if I am sleeping
I'll embroider the truth and that's so I shall reap
I took things that didn't belong to me
I didn't mean to do you wrongLooking back on all that stolen time
Back when I was drinking turpentine
Don't blame me, I only took you in
It takes time to do the poisoning
So let's close the door on this and lock itAnd that's all it will ever be
Just an accident of chemistryYou did everything to me but stopped short of murder
Couldn't move me much closer to keeping my word
While the crowds threw stones at the hangman
The sky fell down, the bells rangLooking back on all that stolen time
Back when I was drinking turpentine
Don't blame me, I only took you in
It takes time to do the poisoning
So let's close the door on this and lock itAnd that's all that it will ever be
Just an accident of chemistryAirless shaft of an underground railway
Effete assassin with a hawk in a sack
The earth will offer us in when our hearts fail
As it swallows the river running under the track
Under the track, yeahI can't tell if I'm dreaming or if I'll awaken
With a song in my heart that is longing to break
Let it out and let it fly high
Up where the spires scrape the skyLooking back on all that stolen time
Back when I was drinking turpentine
Don't blame me, I only took you in
It takes time to do the poisoning
So let's close the door on this and lock itAnd that's all that it will ever be
Just an accident of history, yeahAirless shaft of an underground railway
Cute assassin with a hawk in a sack
The earth will offer us in when our hearts fail
Swallowed the river running under the track
That's right

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