## 13 Steps Lead Down

## **Elvis Costello & The Attractions**

When nobody knows she puts on secret clothes

And lies in the meadow with her hands tied behind her back

I won't refuse if you know how to use it

Just stop playing that ugly drug musicThirteen steps lead down

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There's commoners and kings

And everyone's a prisoner of paper and glueAnd a decent pair of scissors

So tonight, I'm drinking to your health

Because I just can't stand myselfThirteen steps lead down

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She stands and fails

On fashion fingernails

Her lovers have her walking 'round

On instruments of tortureAnd one of them is poisonous

The other is a thief, they say

So what one could give to her

The other cannot take awayWhen nobody knows she puts on secret clothes

And lies in her splendor for a picture opportunity

Cover up that bruise, put on patent leather shoes

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