Needle Time

Elvis Costello

One, two, three, four I wish that I didn't hate you

Least not as much as I do

And squander all my contempt for

A little nothing like youLiars like you are ten a penny

Women would slap you if you knew anySometimes I feel just like committing a crimeI've got this suitcase of

phony wisdom to dispense

These twenty-seven or so years

How you'd think

I would have made them some centsNow they want me fingerprinted

Like I was smuggling drugs

While the government does deals

With the most convenient thugsSometimes I feel just like committing a crime

It's needle time, it's needle time

It's needle time, it's needle timeI'm trying not to despise you

With a passion that's hard to extinguish

Or maybe I really love you

Although it's hard to distinguishI wish I could be like a saint is

Forgiving those who trespass against usSometimes I feel just like committing a crimeI started talking nonsense

just like I did to begin with

Around the time I tired of those sour EnglishSometimes I feel just like committing a crime

It's needle time, it's needle time

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