Oliver's Army

Elvis Costello

Don't start me talking
I could talk all night
My mind goes sleepwalking
While I'm putting the world to rightCall careers information
Have you got yourself an occupation?Oliver's army is here to stay
Oliver's army are on their way
And I would rather be anywhere else
But here todayThere was a checkpoint Charlie
He didn't crack a smile
But it's no laughing party
When you've been on the murder mileOnly takes one itchy trigger
One more widow, one less white niggerOliver's army is here to stay
Oliver's army are on their way
And I would rather be anywhere else
But here todayHong Kong is up for grabs
London is full of Arabs
We could be in Palestine
Overrun by a Chinese line
With the boys from the Mersey and the Thames and the TyneBut there's no danger
It's a profession a career
Though it could be arranged
With just a word in Mr. Churchill's earIf you're out of luck or out of work
We could send you to JohannesburgOliver's army is here to stay
Oliver's army are on their way
And I would rather be anywhere else
But here todayAnd I would rather be anywhere else
But here today
And I would rather be anywhere else
But here today
Oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh oh

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