Riot Act

Elvis Costello

Forever

It doesn't mean forever anymore

I said forever

But it doesn't look like I'm gonna be around much anymoreWhen the heat gets sub-tropical And the talk gets so topicalRiot act, you can read me the riot act

You can make me a matter of fact

Or a villain in a million

A slip of the tongue is gonna keep me civilianWhy do you talk such stupid nonsense

When my mind could rest much easier

Instead of all this dumb dumb insolence

I would be happier with amnesia They say forget her

Now it looks like you're either gonna be

Be for me or against me

I got your letter

Now they say I don't care for the color that it paints meTrying to be so bad is bad enough

Don't make me laugh by talking tough

Don't put your heart out on your sleeve

When your remarks are off the cuffRiot act, you can read me the riot act

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