You Tripped At Every Step

Elvis Costello

Take your tiny feet out of your mother's shoes

Or there is going to be a terrible scene

It's not just the lipstick drawn on crooked

When they find how wicked we are

How wicked we have been, how I've been temptedHow you tripped at every step

You tripped at every step

You tripped at every step, oh

How you tripped at every stepThere's a merry tune that starts in I

And ends in you, like many famous pop songs do

And you would sing along with little tell tale staggers

While balancing on daggers

Though they were killing you, you looked so deadly As you tripped at every step

You tripped at every step

You tripped at every step, oh

As you tripped at every stepAnd I would run to catch you anytime you call

Only you drank that potion and went out of control

There's nothing to stop you, so how can you fall?

Let me take your hand, put down that frying panDarkness would become me underneath the table

As the fury raged around the house

Your despairing tread was angry and unstable

You never suspected

Just as that cartoon mouse went undetectedSo you tripped at every stepIn another world of gin and cigarettes

Those cocktail cabinets put mud in your eye

Maybe that is why you find it hard to see me

And if you don't believe me

Before you start to cry, "Don't ever leave me"As you start to lose your grip

(Once you start losing your grip)

You will stumble as you slip

(And you will stumble and slip) As you tripped at every step

You tripped at every step

You tripped at every step, ohAs you tripped at every step

You tripped at every step

You tripped at every step, oh

As you tripped at every

(As you tripped at every)

As you tripped at every

(As you tripped at every)You tripped at every step

You tripped at every step, oh

As you tripped at every

As you tripped at every step, woo

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