

Costello Elvis

"Let Him Dangle"

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LET HIM DANGLE

Bentley said to Craig "Let him have it Chris"
They still don't know today just what he meant by this
Craig fired the pistol, but was too young to swing
So the police took Bentley and the very next thing
Let him dangle
Let him dangle

Bentley had surrendered, he was under arrest, when
he gave Chris Craig that
fatal request
Craig shot Sidney miles, he took Bentley's word
The prosecution claimed as they charged them with
murder
Let him dangle
Let him dangle

They say Derek Bentley was easily led
Well what's that to the woman that Sidney Miles wed
Though guilty was the verdict, and Craig had shot him
dead
The gallows were for Bentley and still she never said
Let him dangle
Let him dangle

Well it's hard to imagine it's the times that have
changed
When there's a murder in the kitchen that is brutal and
strange
If killing anybody is a terrible crime
Why does this bloodthirsty chorus come 'round from
time to time
Let him dangle

Not many people thought that Bentley would hang
But the word never came, the phone never rang
Outside Wandsworth Prison there was horror and hate
As the hangman shook Bentley's hand to calculate his
weight
Let him dangle

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