

## Costello Elvis

### "London's Brilliant Parade"

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Outside my window  
Not long before sleep arrives  
They come with their sirens  
And they sweep away all the boys  
Busy draining the joy from their lives  
They never said their prayers out loud

And while I'm dreaming  
There's a passing motorcar  
That broadcasts a popular song  
And a girl who appears to be saying  
"Do you think that I'm gonna go far?"

Chorus:  
Just look at me here  
Having the time of my life  
Or something quite like it  
When I'm walking out and about  
In London's brilliant parade

She's one of those girls that you just can't place  
You feel guilty desiring such an innocent face  
But of course they knew that when they cast her  
Along with the red Routemaster  
And the film takes place in an MGB  
And a perfect re-creation of The Speakeasy  
Everybody looks happy and twisted  
'Cause she probably never existed  
For old times' sake  
Don't let me awake

I wouldn't want you  
To walk across Hungerford Bridge  
'Specially at twilight  
Looking through the bolts and the girders  
Into the water below  
You'll never find your answer there

They sounded the all-clear  
In the occidental bazaar  
They used to call Oxford street

Now the bankrupt souls in the city  
They're finally tasting defeat

Don't look at me here  
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Or something quite like it  
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>From the gates of St. Mary's  
There were horses in Olympia  
And a trolley-bus in Fulham Broadway  
The lions and the tigers in Regent's Park  
Couldn't pay their way  
And now they're not the only ones

At the Hammersmith Palais  
In Kensington and Camden Town  
There's a park that I used to play  
The lovely diorama is really part of the drama, I'd say -  
chorus- (x2)

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