

## Elvira Madigan

### "Lesson In Cruelty"

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(Words: Costello, music: Nieve)

Here's a thought to dwell upon,  
Daddy's girl is almost gone  
Now there's just a vain princess  
'Her Ruthlessness'  
Tearing up the nursery  
Stars more used to glittering  
Pictured in the guttering  
Faces caught about to laugh  
Torn in half  
Slipping through your fingers  
See them scatter  
Maybe it doesn't matter  
But I still really want to pick pieces up  
You can't fool me  
With this lesson in cruelty  
It's not as if I was asking time to stop  
In violent blue  
Like roses red  
She laughed as she tore off his head  
The hours she gazed on her former champion  
Now it's just a frame of sellotape and torn wallpaper  
As she rips his pretty face to bits

[Chorus]

It's too much too soon or so it seems  
To put away these childish dreams  
You'll find out soon enough that worship can be tough  
Love is just a name to celebrate a vision  
Or confetti littered with regrets.  
See it scatter...  
Dear heart too good to waste  
But if some hot-head should claim it  
Don't rush to his embrace  
And it remains to say...  
I'll love you just the same, whatever your decision  
As you put the paper to the flame  
(It's a lesson in cruelty)

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