

## **Elvis Costello**

# **"13 Steps Lead Down"**

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When nobody knows she puts on secret clothes  
And lies in the meadow with her hands tied behind her  
back  
I won't refuse if you know how to use it  
Just stop playing that ugly drug music

Thirteen steps lead down  
Thirteen steps lead down  
There's commoners and kings  
And everyone's a prisoner of paper and glue

And a decent pair of scissors  
So tonight, I'm drinking to your health  
Because I just can't stand myself

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She stands and fails  
On fashion fingernails  
Her lovers have her walking 'round  
On instruments of torture

And one of them is poisonous  
The other is a thief, they say  
So what one could give to her  
The other cannot take away

When nobody knows she puts on secret clothes  
And lies in her splendor for a picture opportunity  
Cover up that bruise, put on patent leather shoes  
Just stop playing that bad mood music

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