

Elvis Costello "Bullets For The New-Born King"

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No one looks in this place for motive or any hope But for the dead shot of an amber glass, the blue light of a votive

Rain obscured the window as the pain was dulled by the grains

Absolved by spoons in flames and fear in time dissolving

It's not for the faint of pulse or anybody false Those amateurs who simply shed their skins So where are those traitors now, we once called patriots?

Just like those saints who seem to revel in their sins

Oh, my eyes were filled with tears that were stinging After our assassin's work was done The bells and hands were only there for the wringing And we were bringing bullets for the new-born king

The trumpet sound lamenting, tramping down the blooms of the deceased

The double agent girl and the fallen priest were heading for the border

Somewhere in the high command, there stayed the palest hand

That saw the order countermand, erased a tape recorder

And then they hung him from a window cord

Swallow down that voodoo vial and stay your breath a while

Before we spill the tale that we have spun And now I shall confide all that I have denied Oh, I'm so sorry for the things I've done

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